

# **CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB**



## **Annual Report**

*For the Year ended*

**30th April, 1980**

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President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

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## President:

L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.

## Vice-Presidents:

THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF	M. PEDRON
D. A. BROWN	G. L. PORTER
THE MARQUESS OF BUTE	J. D. H. RICHES
D.L. C.ST.J., J.P.	J. P. ROBERTS
G. CHUGG	J. R. THOMAS
D. E. DAVIES	Col. Sir CENNYDD TRAHERNE
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E. C. HALL	J. O. WEBB
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T. G. MORRIS	T. L. WILLIAMS

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Chairman:

W. H. WILKINS

Vice-Chairman: G. CHUGG

\*His Honour Judge

L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.

W. N. FRANCIS

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

### To retire in 1980

J. HERBERT  
P. LEWIS  
A. J. PRIDAY  
M. WARFIELD  
J. H. WEBB  
W. H. WILKINS

### To retire in 1981

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

### 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

Chairman: W. LEWIS, O.B.E., J.P.

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J. HERBERT

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

## FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: H. NORRIS

Vice-Chairman: C. D. WILLIAMS

Hon. Secretary: A. J. PRIDAY

Club Captain: W. G. DAVIES

Captain Athletic XV: R. LANE

A. D. S. BOWES

M. JOHN

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M. COLLINS

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## CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman: G. STONE

Hon. Secretary: C. N. FOOKES

Asst. Hon. Secretary: E. EVANS

First XV Captain: D. W. LEWIS

Vice-Captain: H. J. SLADE

Second XI Captain: G. MILLS

Vice-Captain: E. EVANS

Sunday XI Captain: R. NAPIER

D. C. COOPER

D. W. LEWIS

J. D. H. RICHES

I. N. HOLMES

R. NAPIER

H. J. SLADE

S. P. LANG

N. G. W. REES

J. O. WEBB



### BOWLS COMMITTEE

*Chairman:* E. F. COUZENS

*Hon. Secretary:* T. PHILLIPS

*Asst. Hon. Secretary:* J. H. WEBB

*Captain:* S. J. STEVENS

*Captain 'A' Team:* J. STEVENS

A. G. BOUND, M.B.E.

M. C. GILMORE

J. A. JUDD

L. M. SPENCE, M.B.E.

T. O'HALLORAN

C. WILLIAMS

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*Chairman:* G. B. HIGGINS

*Hon. Secretary:* MRS. AVERILL MATTHEWS

*Captain:* T. R. MORGAN

*Ladies' Captain:* MISS G. RAWSON

*Hon. Match Secretary:* A. W. BUTCHER

A. ALLEN

MRS. S. EVANS

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*Chairman:* R. C. MCKERLICH

*Captain First XI:* R. R. WILDBLOOD

*Captain Second XI:* G. S. KALER

*Captain Third XI:* G. M. WILLIAMS

*Captain Fourth XI:* A. D. PARSONS

*Captain Fifth XI:* D. YOUNG

*Hon. Secretary:* A. T. M. RHYS-JONES

*Fixture Secretary:* H. BLAND

*Team Secretary:* M. CHINN

*Match Secretary:* G. PERCIVAL

*Committee:*

P. KELVIN-SMITH, D. P. LE MASURIER, D. JOHN

### CLUB CAPTAINS



S. J. STEVENS  
(Bowls)



D. W. LEWIS  
(Cricket)



W. G. DAVIES  
(Rugby)



R. R. WILDBLOOD  
(Hockey)



T. R. MORGAN  
(Lawn Tennis)



## CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

### Chairman's Report for the Year Ended 30th April, 1980

Dear Members,

Last year's report contained the sad news about the death on 5th June 1979 of our esteemed President, Hubert Johnson, and I am particularly happy to report that his memory will be perpetuated by the Management Committee's approval to rename the Trophy Room as the "Hubert Johnson Room". In a moving ceremony at the Club on Sunday morning, 16th December 1979, I was privileged to assist the new President, L. M. Spence Esq., MBE, and Mrs Grace Davies, in a well-attended and emotional function to open the newly named "Hubert Johnson Room". I make no apologies for repeating the tribute to Hubert by the Club's Golfing Society (Hon. Sec. Elfed Davies) last year—

- A man who loved his fellow man:
- A man who admired sportsmen of all creeds:
- A man who had an unquenchable love of the game of Rugby Football, but more importantly,
- A man who through his immense personality, his integrity and humility and above all his undivided interest in the affairs of the Cardiff Athletic Club, will always remain a memory to be treasured. It was a privilege to have known him.

Thank you Hubert—may the spirit you engendered always prevail in our Club.

On Thursday, 28th September 1979, at the Annual General Meeting, Mr Leslie Spence MBE was appointed President of the Club.

The popular, well-known, ubiquitous new President has given a life-time of service to the Club which he loves, and of which he is so very proud, and as one of the most senior members he richly deserves the Club's highest honour. We all wish him well.

Perusal of the Club's financial statement for the year ended 30th April 1980 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 which reproduced, gives the following information—

"The financial results for the year ended the 30th April, 1980, are more or less as expected, with increases in revenue being absorbed by extra costs. Two extra items of expense were incurred this year viz:—The rugby tour to South Africa and loan interest of finances provided by Brewers for the extension to the Bottom Lounge and without which the surplus of Income over Expenditure would compare favourably with the previous year.

The accounts this year have been presented in a manner quite different from previous years and, in company with the Statement of Source and Application of Funds, it is considered that they portray the Club's financial affairs in a light more readily understood by the majority of Members. I think it is superfluous to report on all the increases this year, of all types of expenses, as this is quite clearly shown in the figures produced and are due to inflation. I refer only to a few items which show increases more than normal.

The largest inevitable increase is in wages as follows:—

	1979	1980	Increase
	£	£	£
Office Staff	15,727	18,925	3,198
House Porters	1,378	3,877	2,499
Ground Staff & Handyman	29,967	36,554	6,587
Pensions	1,670	3,065	1,395
	<u>£48,742</u>	<u>£62,421</u>	<u>£13,679</u>

Bar Staff wages increased by £5,010 and is included in Note 1 to the Accounts.

### R.F.C. Home Matches. (Increase £4,230)

Hotel expenses and refreshments for the Canadian Touring Party amounted to nearly £2,000. Catering charges have increased by £2,086 and the balance refers to incidental expenses such as printing of match tickets etc.

### Football Away Match Expenses. (Increase £1,388)

This is only part of the heavy increase in hotel expenses and coaches but, due to the excellent achievement of the "Rags"



Centenary Ladies Committee who raised funds to the extent of £2,600 to offset costs of the "Rags" tour to Scotland, this has been kept to a minimum.

**Junior XV Expenses.** (Increase £1,752)

The Youth enjoyed a wonderful season, seven players were chosen for the Welsh Youth Side which toured South Africa. All Clubs paid for their players' badges and blazers and this amounted to £245 and in addition the Rugby Committee recognised the honour in these selections by supplying track suits which cost £236. Coach charges increased by £569 and hotel meals etc. by £702.

**General Rates.** (Increase £855)

Due, in the main, to the half yearly increases in rates from £4,192 to £4,584.

**Light and Heating.** (Increase £6,495)

Electricity and gas increased by £1,043. Electricity at Sophia Gardens increased by £1,216 and heating oil by £4,236. It has been decided to convert the central heating from oil to gas and this, no doubt, will be completed just prior to the date of this Meeting. It is to be hoped that this has been a wise decision.

**Dinners, Functions, Photographs and Awards.** (Increase £1,994)

Extra cost involved related to the opening of the new Hubert Johnson Room, with refreshments etc., costing £468. Team photographs cost £694 this year as this included more than one season. Presentations were made to the Club's four representatives on the Lions Tour of South Africa, costing £207. General increases of buffets, dinners and the childrens' Christmas Party amounted to £625.

Once again special thanks should be registered to the "Rags" Centenary Ladies Committee for raising the sum of £564 to provide special blazers to commemorate the "Rags" unbeaten record in the previous season and also to offset costs of the "Rags" Centenary Reunion.

**Football Equipment.** (Increase £2,270)

Unfortunately costs of all sporting equipment are rising rapidly and the rugby strip this year costs anything up to £10

more than the previous year. In addition in the two previous years all rugby balls had been sponsored.

**Income.**

Details of increases are as follows:—

**Football Match Day.**

Stand prices were increased by 50p and the Enclosures by 20p with corresponding reductions for O.A.P. and Juniors.

**Season ticket.**

Prices were increased by £4 for the Stand and £3 for the Enclosures and once again reductions for Juniors and O.A.P.

**Club Subscriptions.**

Were increased this year by £5.56 which included V.A.T.

**Ground Membership.**

Subscriptions were also increased by £6 for Members of the Athletic Club and £10 for Members who had not yet joined other Sections.

**Broadcasting Fees.**

Are governed by the Welsh Rugby Union and the Club's share is dependant on the number of Cardiff games televised etc.

**Bar Profits.**

These are already analysed under Note 1 attached to the accounts. Those Members who always oppose increases in bar prices should note the present heavy costs of bar wages and equipment, renewals etc.

**Ground Earnings.**

Of the £5,694 increase, £1000 relates to the increased rental at Sophia Gardens paid by Glamorgan County Cricket Club and the balance represents increased revenue this year from advertising around the Rugby Ground.

Although the Club's accounts show a reasonable profit after a year of heavy inflation, what is more important is that we are not achieving sufficient income to provide for the many items of capital expenditure which Committees, of all Sections, consider necessary for the well being of their Members.



It should be noted that during the six years ended 30th April, 1980, capital expenditure on development of the Clubhouse, Bowls Pavilion, Tennis Courts, plant, fixtures and grounds, has amounted to £134,417 and yet, in the same period, the total surplus of income over expenditure amounts to only £49,911. The financial affairs of the Club have steadily improved since a loss was sustained in 1976 and, thanks to the Finance Committee, this position should be maintained. I would, however, like to stress again that it is imperative that we now seek means, along any avenue, to increase income so that funds can be provided for development which will bring in future income. Such development is already being discussed by the Management Committee and certain priorities must now be maintained. I therefore hope that all Members will be patient should there be a delay in providing facilities which they consider necessary."

As indicated earlier we are continuing on a sound financial basis and by prudent housekeeping there is no reason to believe other than the Club will continue in a healthy state. You will know from previous reports, however, that the Planning and Project Sub Committee have recommended to the Management Committee certain developments in the Club designed to consolidate and improve on the facilities and activities for members. The Management Committee have agreed in principle that we should be looking at an expansive programme to include—

- (a) the development of tennis room accommodation and machine shed for Sophia Gardens
- (b) extension of the Cardiff RFC Stand accommodation
- (c) extension of the Bowls Pavilion, Cardiff Arms Park
- (d) accommodation for sponsors, Cardiff Arms Park
- (e) building of squash courts

These are not necessarily in priority order, but it illustrates to members that the Management Committee is very conscious of the need for further development to increase the activities and the income of the Club. Meanwhile, arrangements have been made for the modernisation and improvement of the female and male toilets on the ground floor, and attention is being given to the heating and ventilation of the office accommodation. The ideal situation would be for all these developments to be tackled simultaneously, but I need hardly point out to you that within the

constraints of financial resources, the Management Committee from time to time will have to adjudge the priorities.

At this juncture, it is prudent to point out that the increasing demand on the Club's financial resources inhibits any substantial contribution to the envisaged growth of its facilities, and it behoves Management and Sections to investigate fund raising schemes. In this context the activities of the Rugby Section are most commendable, when one considers that during their Centenary Season enough funds were made to finance an overseas tour to Canada and to provide a balance which the Management Committee has agreed should be earmarked to the Rugby Club's use.

Again, in the Cardiff RFC 'Rags' Centenary Season, sufficient funds were raised to finance a 'Rags' tour to Scotland, to pay for the Centenary celebrations, and from the balance remaining to provide a most acceptable clock in the member's lounge.

Thank you, Muriel Williams and your ladies committee not only for raising the funds but also for providing very much needed entertainment in the Club in the form of an enjoyable 'Wild West' night, and a Punch and Paté evening. In the same spirit I would like to thank the Cardiff RFC Supporters Club for the efforts they continually make to offer entertainment in the Club. The Club's facilities are there to be enjoyed. The more they are used, the better for the Club and for the spirit of the members. Incidentally, in the evenings during the summer months members can enjoy a drink in the Club's Bar at Sophia Gardens.

A Chairman's Report would not be complete without the usual expression of gratitude to all those who have helped in my year of office. Whilst this may seem routine, it is nevertheless sincere, and my thanks go to—

The President and Trustees for their counselling.

The Vice Chairman, Gerald Chugg for his guidance, assistance and support.

The Chairman of Standing Sub Committees for their support and assistance in streamlining the management task.

The Chairman of Section Sub Committees for their efforts to preserve the healthy standards in the club.



The General Secretary, K. H. George and staff for their loyalty and dedication to their tasks.

Mrs Gaynor Parsons and the Bar/Catering staff for their ready co-operation in maintaining the bonhomie and conviviality.

The Ground Manager, Albert Francis, and the ground staff for their untiring and successful efforts in preserving the Club's main assets, the playing areas (despite the floods of December 1979 and the substantial remedial work on the wickets for County Cricket matches).

Eddie and Nancy John for their hard-working diligent and unassuming efforts in the Club's shop.

The members of the Club for helping to make the task of management such a pleasant one,

and last, but not least

The players of the various sections for preserving the traditional high standards.

## OBITUARIES

It is with great regret that I record the death of Ewan G. Davies, former Vice President of the Athletic Club, and Patron during the Cardiff RFC Centenary season.

Ewan had been a life long member of the Athletic Club and had represented Cardiff and Wales at rugby football. He was also the Club's Honorary Solicitor.

I record also with sadness, deaths of members:

C. Bolter  
W. (Bill) David  
G. Girgell  
C. A. Love  
R. L. K. Mason  
W. E. Newman  
J. Pool  
M. F. H. Simpson

Our sympathies are also extended to Tom Holley on the death of his dear wife, Linda.

W. H. WILKINS



W. H. WILKINS, Chairman of the Management Committee, opening the Green, Season 1980.

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	Note	1980	1979
		£	£
<b>FOOTBALL INCOME</b>			
Football gates ... ..		50,258	33,775
Season tickets ... ..		27,368	23,293
Snelling "seven-a-side" tournament ... ..		—	275
Profit on sale of programmes ... ..		891	4,093
Ground earnings ... ..		15,050	9,356
Broadcasting fees ... ..		2,810	1,586
		96,377	72,378
<b>MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS</b> ... ..		83,932	69,474
<b>BAR PROFIT</b> ... ..	I	17,378	15,381
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Fruit machine income less expenses ... ..		9,414	7,720
Car park receipts ... ..		5,089	5,048
Profit on shop sales ... ..		2,330	3,867
Investment income ... ..		7,817	1,732
Catering takings ... ..		1,078	954
Hire of rooms ... ..		505	510
Assignment of ticket rights ... ..		581	650
Profit on sale of club ties etc. ... ..		487	84
Sponsorship income ... ..		1,994	1,050
Profit on 300 club ... ..		1,668	1,255
Sundry income ... ..		162	—
		31,125	22,870
		<u>£228,812</u>	<u>£180,103</u>

# For the Year ended 30th April, 1980

EXPENDITURE	1980	1979
	£	£
Salaries and wages ... ..	62,421	48,742
Upkeep of grounds and clubhouse ... ..	11,045	11,217
Football-away match expenses ... ..	8,682	7,294
South African tour expenses ... ..	11,366	—
Football players out of pocket expenses ... ..	3,306	2,535
Football-home match expenses ... ..	14,239	10,009
Football-junior XV expenses ... ..	3,192	1,440
Stationary, telephone and postages ... ..	6,725	6,327
Cost of annual report ... ..	1,729	988
Advertising, season tickets etc. ... ..	6,090	4,196
Gatemen ... ..	5,946	2,890
Car park attendants' wages ... ..	6,993	4,821
Rates ... ..	9,307	8,452
Rent and rates—Sophia Gardens ... ..	3,352	3,362
Light and heat ... ..	29,771	14,276
Sundry items ... ..	1,072	854
Laundry ... ..	2,366	1,583
Cleaning ... ..	9,483	8,013
Dinner, dance, photographs and awards ... ..	3,528	1,534
Football equipment ... ..	4,815	2,545
Audit and accountancy fee ... ..	1,320	1,150
Professional charges ... ..	671	400
Interest on loan accounts ... ..	1,401	—
Insurances ... ..	3,785	3,733
Football insurance fund ... ..	200	200
Medical expenses ... ..	1,701	1,470
Donations ... ..	310	150
Plant repairs, petrol and oil ... ..	2,324	2,742
Sectional expenses ... ..	1,836	1,566
Depreciation ... ..	4,978	4,369
<b>Total expenses</b> ... ..	<b>214,954</b>	<b>156,858</b>
Transfer to sponsorship fund ... ..	1,994	1,050
Transfer to repairs and maintenance fund ... ..	5,230	5,500
Excess of income over expenditure for the year	6,864	16,695
	<u>£228,812</u>	<u>£180,103</u>



# **BALANCE SHEET as at 30th April, 1980**

	Note	1980	1979
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Land and buildings ... ..	2	139,342	120,148
Other fixed assets ... ..	3	9,330	10,745
		<u>148,672</u>	<u>130,893</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b> ... ..	4	<u>7,400</u>	<u>7,400</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks ... ..		15,324	12,944
Sundry debtors ... ..		24,831	21,492
Cash at bank ... ..	5	74,653	42,028
Cash in hand ... ..		1,940	994
		<u>116,748</u>	<u>77,458</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Subscriptions prepaid ... ..		21,310	10,705
Accrued expenses ... ..		60,798	38,829
Deferred credit—assignment of ticket rights ...		3,487	4,550
		<u>85,595</u>	<u>54,084</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b> ... ..		<u>31,153</u>	<u>23,374</u>
		<u>£187,225</u>	<u>£161,667</u>
<b>Financed by:</b>			
Members' fund ... ..	6	136,935	130,071
Repairs and maintenance fund ... ..	7	16,622	14,000
Sponsorship fund ... ..		3,044	1,050
Football insurance fund ... ..		1,746	1,546
		<u>158,347</u>	<u>146,667</u>
Loans ... ..	8	<u>28,878</u>	<u>15,000</u>
		<u>£187,225</u>	<u>£161,667</u>

# **CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB**

## **Statement of Source and Application of Funds** **Year ended 30th April, 1980**

	1980	1979
	£	£
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>		
<b>FUNDS GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS</b>		
Excess of income over expenditure for year ... ..	6,864	16,695
Increase of football insurance fund ... ..	200	135
Increase of sponsorship fund ... ..	1,994	1,050
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:		
Depreciation ... ..	4,978	4,369
Net transfer to repairs and maintenance reserve ...	2,622	5,500
Total funds generated from operations ... ..	<u>16,658</u>	<u>27,749</u>
Loan received ... ..	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>31,658</u>	<u>42,749</u>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>		
Purchases less disposals of fixed assets ... ..	22,757	38,567
(Decrease) in amounts invested ... ..		(4,997)
Repayment of loans ... ..	<u>1,122</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>23,879</u>	<u>33,570</u>
	<u>£7,779</u>	<u>£9,179</u>
<b>MOVEMENT IN WORKING CAPITAL</b>		
Increase/(decrease) in stocks ... ..	2,380	(659)
Increase in debtors ... ..	3,339	4,691
(Increase)/decrease in creditors ... ..	<u>(31,511)</u>	<u>8,415</u>
	<u>(25,792)</u>	<u>12,447</u>
<b>Movement in liquid funds:</b>		
Increase/(decrease) in cash at bank ... ..	32,625	(260)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in hand ... ..	<u>946</u>	<u>(3,008)</u>
	<u>33,571</u>	<u>(3,268)</u>
	<u>£7,779</u>	<u>£9,179</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

	1980 £	1979 £
<b>1. BAR PROFIT</b>		
Bar takings ... ..	133,422	115,569
Less Cost of sales		
Opening stock ... ..	4,595	7,120
Purchases ... ..	86,829	72,917
	91,424	80,037
Closing stock ... ..	6,691	4,595
	84,733	75,442
Gross profit 36.5% (1979 34.7%) ... ..	48,689	40,127
Less Bar wages, equipment, renewals and expenses	31,311	24,746
	£17,378	£15,381

## 2. LAND AND BUILDINGS

	CARDIFF ARMS PARK		SOPHIA GARDENS			Total £
	Ground Development £	Club House £	Bowls Pavilion £	Pavilion and Flat £	Tennis Courts £	
<b>COST</b>						
At 1st May 1979	28,332	46,485	10,733	19,053	15,545	120,148
Additions	15,675	3,171	—	—	348	19,194
At 30th April 1980	£44,007	£49,656	£10,733	£19,053	£15,893	£139,342

## 3. OTHER FIXED ASSETS

	Furniture and Cardiff Arms Park £	Fittings Sophia Gardens £	Ground maintenance equipment £	Office furniture £	Total £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1st May 1979	14,461	1,499	8,627	1,389	25,976
Additions	1,189	—	2,374	—	3,563
At 30th April 1980	£15,650	£1,499	£11,001	£1,389	£29,539
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st May 1979	6,162	1,117	7,318	634	15,231
Provided	2,346	224	2,201	207	4,978
At 30th April 1980	£ 8,508	£1,341	£ 9,519	£ 841	£20,209
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30th April 1979	£ 8,299	£ 382	£ 1,309	£ 755	£10,745
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30th April 1980	£ 7,142	£ 158	£ 1,482	£ 548	£ 9,330

## 4. INVESTMENTS

	1980 £	1979 £
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)

	1980 £	1979 £
<b>5. CASH AT BANK</b>		
Current account ... ..	14,700	20,581
Repair and maintenance deposit account ... ..	14,000	549
Short term deposit account ... ..	35,000	15,000
300 club account ... ..	1,964	3,186
Sponsorship account ... ..	1,834	1,050
Football insurance accounts ... ..	1,743	1,583
Cardiff vs New Zealand ticket account ... ..	5,330	—
Trustee Savings Bank account ... ..	82	79
	£74,653	£42,028

## 6. MEMBERS' FUND

At 1st May 1979 ... ..	130,071	113,376
Add Excess of income and expenditure for the year ... ..	6,864	16,695
At 30th April 1980 ... ..	£136,935	£130,071

## 7. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FUND

At 1st May 1979 ... ..	14,000	8,500
Transfer from income and expenditure account ... ..	5,000	5,500
	19,000	14,000
Less Amount utilised from the fund for repairs during the year ... ..	2,378	—
At 30th April 1980 ... ..	£16,622	£14,000

## 8. LOANS

S. A. Brain & Co Ltd ... ..	14,649	15,000
Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd ... ..	14,229	—
	£28,878	£15,000

The loans are repayable in 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.

## 9. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Capital expenditure that has been contracted for but has not been provided in the financial statements amounts to...

	1980 £	1979 £
	6,840	—



## CARDIFF R.F.C. CENTENARY FUNDS

	1980 £	1979 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations ... ..	—	430
Short term deposit and bank interest ... ..	742	1,166
	<u>742</u>	<u>1,596</u>
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>		
Bank charges ... ..	17	—
Excess of income over expenditure for the year ...	<u>£ 725</u>	<u>£1,596</u>
<b>BALANCE SHEET at 30th April 1980</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtor ... ..	—	2,271
Lloyds Bank Ltd—current account ... ..	70	87
—deposit account ... ..	12,695	9,682
	<u>£12,765</u>	<u>£12,040</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		
At 1st May 1979 ... ..	12,040	10,444
Excess of income over expenditure for the year ...	<u>725</u>	<u>1,596</u>
	<u>£12,765</u>	<u>£12,040</u>

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

*Bar Stocks* have been professionally valued at cost.

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

*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 equipment* are included in the accounts at cost less 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%

### Report of the Auditors to the Members of Cardiff Athletic Club

We have examined the financial statements set out on pages 16 to 22 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 22.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs at 30th April 1980 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, 14th August, 1980

## CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEASON 1979/80

To be appointed Chairman of Cardiff Rugby Football Club must be the ultimate honour in the game after 21 years involvement with Cardiff. Last June I experienced the same feeling of pride and distinction that I did in September, 1958 wearing the Blue and Black jersey for the first time. This pride has increased game by game and year by year. I accepted the Chairmanship with some feeling of trepidation, but these fears were completely unfounded. It soon became apparent that everyone's aim was to make my task as enjoyable and successful as possible — thank you all.

Training commenced earlier than usual this year due to the South African Tour scheduled for August. Our Tour Management, Brian Mark and Lloyd Williams, led the party with new captain Gareth Davies and coach John Ryan. We had accepted a strong provincial fixture list but with hard work, commitment and dedication the tour proved to be an outstanding success both on and off the field and a record of fixtures and results reads as follows —

Saturday, 4th August	v. S. E. Transvaal	Won 25-21
Wednesday, 8th August	v. N. Transvaal U-25	Won 24-10
Saturday, 11th August	v. Far North	Won 35-10
Tuesday, 14th August	v. Western Province	Lost 12-42
Saturday, 18th August	v. Orange Free State	Won 24-19
Wednesday, 22nd August	v. Northern Natal	Lost 16-18
Saturday, 25th August	v. Natal	Won 25-7

Against Western Province — one of the strongest sides in South Africa, we were well and truly beaten by a superior side. The other game lost was against Northern Natal — a game that we let slip rather than them winning — an occurrence to be repeated later in the season. I'm sure that the Lions Tour of 1980 will put into perspective our success in South Africa.

One of our stipulations before the tour was that we play a full multi-racial fixture. This game against Northern Natal at Newcastle made history in the area and was welcomed by the officials who were anxious to play more of these fixtures. Perhaps Cardiff R.F.C. have opened a little wider the door to multi-racial



sport in South Africa. An excellent Press was received both on and off the field and it was generally felt that the standards and traditions of Welsh Rugby had been upheld by the Cardiff Rugby Club.

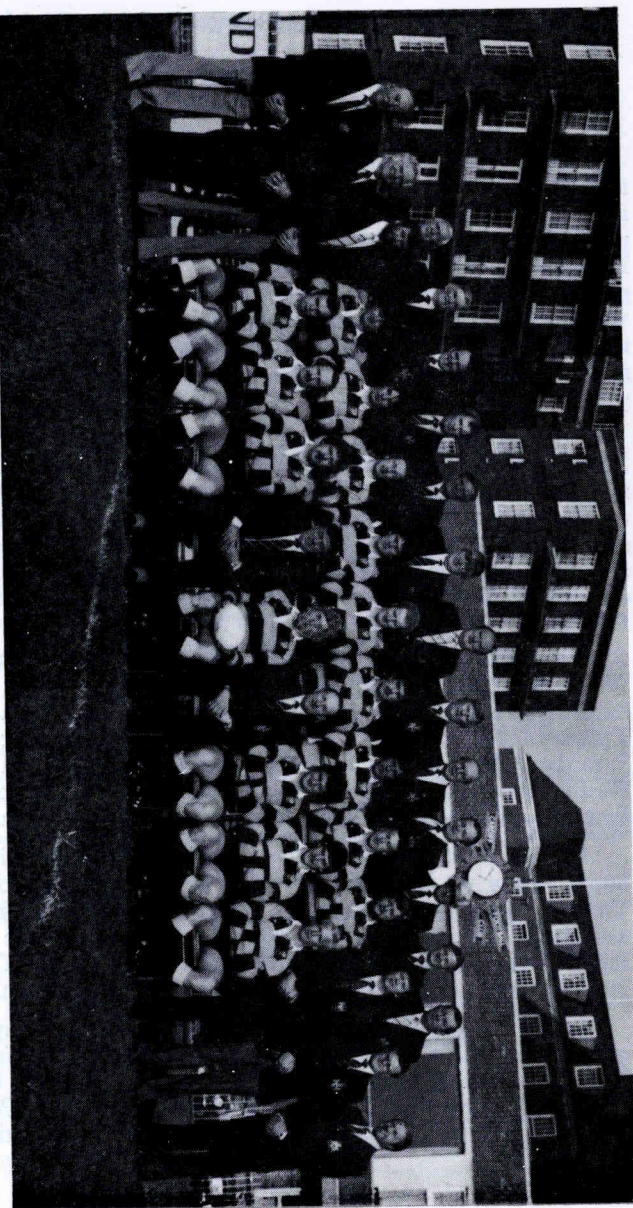
Our domestic season opened on September 1st against East District with a 66-8 win. Throughout the month we played attacking, attractive rugby and our only reversal was at Coventry 15-16. Especially pleasing was our fine win over Canada 19-8. At the end of the month we had amassed 243 points for and 74 against.

Wednesday, October 3rd arrived and with it Bridgend — and in keeping with recent previous seasons we lost at home 9-17. Who can explain it or know the reason why? A very pleasing result was our away win at Pontypridd 13-10 a result which raised our game to give results over Northampton 45-4, Newport 21-12 and Cambridge University 27-12. Another Wednesday fixture under lights at Pontypool Park gave "Prosser's Boyo's" a resounding 28-10 win. Closing the month a strong Selected XV played at the Arms Park for the Don Pill Memorial Fund and although losing 15-27 the only result that mattered was the financial benefit to Don's wife and children — a fitting tribute to a fine sportsman whose work with the Cardiff Youth and Cardiff Committee will always be remembered.

Cardiff became "World Champions" in Cork on November 3rd beating Munster 15-13 — the previous season's conquerors of the All Blacks. The commitment of our W.R.U. Cup programme began with a first round draw at home to Waunarlwydd. They enjoyed the experience of playing at Cardiff as did Wrexham in the next round. We lost 14-18 at Stradey Park, but probably the outstanding game of 1979 was our much awaited game with Swansea — Cup favourites and front runners for the Western Mail Championship. We won well 21-17, the game being voted by the Press and supporters alike as the match of the season. Yet another Wednesday evening and another defeat at the hands of Maesteg 13-19. We closed 1979 with victories over London Welsh 50-12, Aberavon 36-8, Pontypridd 19-3 and Coventry 33-13. To date our playing record was Played 28, Won 21, Drawn 1, Lost 6.

January, 1980 provided success and defeat — recording victories over Bath and Moseley two of the most attractive English teams but we were knocked out of the W.R.U. Cup by Pontypridd 6-13. Their success must first and foremost belong

## CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (FIRST XV)—SEASON 1979-80



Back Row:

D. M. JAMES, A. D. S. BOWES, C. D. WILLIAMS, M. JOHN, P. GOODELLOW, M. L. COLLINS, K. A. ROWLANDS, J. E. DAVIES, L. M. SPENCE, L. L. WILLIAMS, W. H. WILKINS, B. MARK, C. T. HOWE.

Second Row:

T. L. WILLIAMS, T. HOLLEY (*Manager*), R. BEARD (*Coach*), P. DAVIES, T. HOLMES, B. LEASE, C. WEBBER, B. LAKIN, P. SOUTO, T. CHARLES, S. LANE, J. DIXON, J. RYAN (*Coach*), P. NYHAN, A. D. WILLIAMS.

Seated:

D. THOMAS, D. BURCHER, J. SCOTT (*Vice-Captain*), C. H. NORRIS (*Chairman*), W. G. DAVIES (*Captain*), A. J. PRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*), D. PHILLIPS, N. HUTCHINGS, A. YEANDLE.



to Tommy David whose inspired leadership by personal example and dedication to Ponty's rugby led to our downfall — a dedication we must strive to emulate. The game at Aberavon was a tribute to Rugby Football — although losing 22-29 it was probably the most attractive game of the season.

February was our only completely successful month with five good wins over Ebbw Vale, Bristol, London Welsh, Heriots F.P. and Wasps — many thanks for their willingness to fill in at short notice. This month our new floodlighting system was switched on, which I know will be appreciated by players, supporters and Television Cameras.

March was a disaster, we lost to a strong San Isidro side 10-16, Pontypridd 4-10 and Bridgend 3-4 — by a Steve Fenwick try in extra time. Obviously, without our Welsh halfbacks, Cardiff's rugby was lacking somewhat.

The final month of the season appeared to sum up the whole campaign — very good in parts, disappointing in others. The Barbarians convincingly beat us 15-32 but we completed our Easter programme with a 26-18 victory over Harlequins. To defeat Swansea at St. Helen's is an achievement. Our 15-6 win was some consolation for several lack-lustre performances. Defeat at Neath 19-25 completed our away fixtures, but who could possibly have imagined such a grandstand finish at the Arms Park, in defeating Llanelli 45-12 we scored nine sparkling tries and the final one by Derek Preece on time, gave the Cardiff XV a record points tally of 1,090 for the season — we put it together in the end!

*Our full playing record for the season is as follows:—*

Played 46 Won 13 Drawn 1 Points for 1,090 Points against 571.

#### *South African Tour*

Played 7, Won 5, Lost 2, Points for 161, Points against 137.

#### *W.R.U. Cup*

1st Round v. Waunarlwydd	Won 43-3.
2nd Round v. Wrexham	Won 36-6
3rd Round v. Pontypridd	Lost 6-13

#### *Sevens Tournaments*

**Penarth Centenary 7s** — Lost in extra time 16-12 in 3rd round to Steephholm — alias Bridgend.

**Haig International 7s** — Lost in Pool C to London Scottish 12-0 and Hawick 20-18.

**W.R.U. 7s** — Lost 22-18 to Newbridge in Round 1.

Although losing 13 games this season our total points score of 1,090 is impressive. There were 170 tries with 79 goals and 91 tries. Obviously the style is right — but we must put our game together. Of the tries scored 130 came from the backs and 40 from forwards — surely emphasising our attacking attitude. If no success was gained in W.R.U. Cup or Western Mail Championship surely the fact that we have nine Cardiff players representing either the Lions or Wales on tour this Summer is achievement enough to keep the name of Cardiff R.F.C. revered and respected throughout the world.

Congratulations to our Captain Gareth Davies together with Terry Holmes, Alan Phillips and Stuart Lane on their Lions selection. Congratulations to Chris Webber, Pat Daniels, Dave Burcher, David Thomas, Bob Norster and Kevin Edwards on their selection for the Wales Tour to U.S.A. and Canada.

Home International Honours were gained by Gareth, Terry, Alan and Stuart together with our English No. 8 and Vice-Captain John Scott — surely the most unfortunate not to be in South Africa.

*First XV Caps were awarded to:*

David Burcher, Robert Lakin, Brian Lease, Peter Souto, Chris Webber and Andrew Yeandle.

*Leading Try Scorers:*

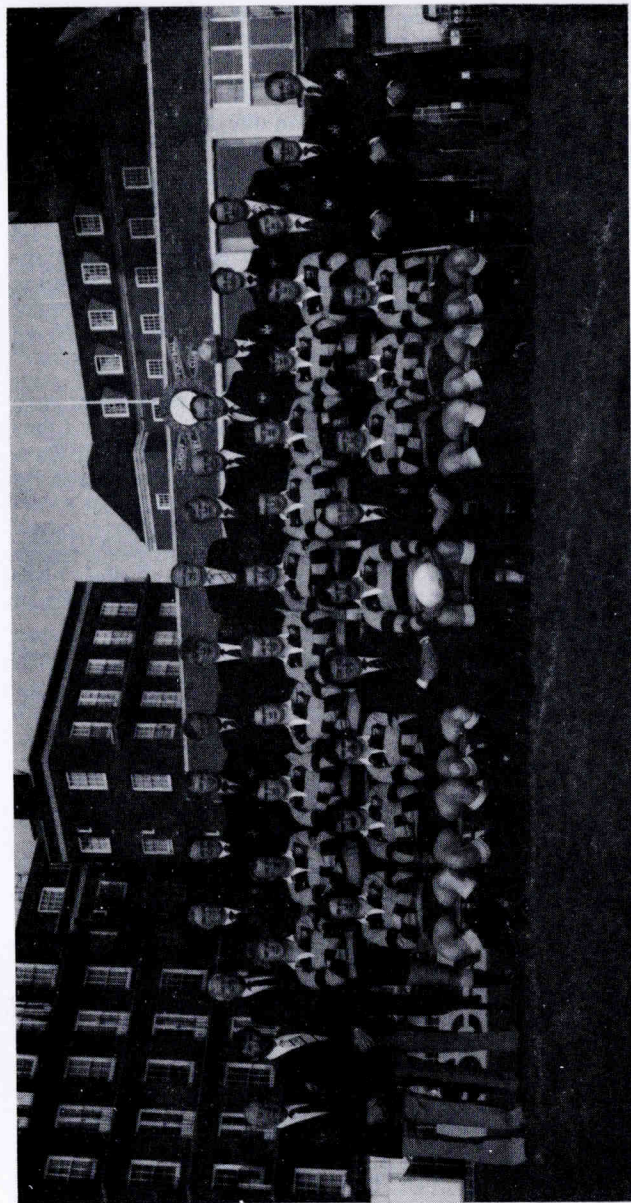
Neil Hutchings (25), Dave Thomas (23) & Andrew Yeandle (20).

*Highest Number of games played:*

N. Hutchings (38). C. Webber (33), R. Norster (43) including 6 in South Africa, T. Charles (41) including South Africa and J. Scott (38) including South Africa.

My personal thanks go to "C.D." my Vice-Chairman, who has supported me wholeheartedly; to Alun Priday, especially for all the administrative duties taken off my hands and whose expertise has helped me considerably not only in my duties but more important allowing me to enjoy my year in office to the full. Our Assistant Hon. Secretary Peter Nyhan for his programme notes etc; to Brian Mark, Fixture Secretary, in his





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*Seated:*

T. LEE, L. O'BRIEN, D. PREECE, C. H. NORRIS (*Chairman*), R. LANE (*Captain*), A. J. FRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*), R. LAKIN, J. O'BRIEN, L. MAY.

organisation of special fixtures - Canada, San Isidro, Munster; to Keith Rowlands our W.R.U. "Big Five" member, Lions selector, who has represented East District and us so capably; to the whole working Selection Committee. To all our Club Coaches, John Ryan and Roger Beard; to Ken George and his office staff for all their help and work; to our Ground Manager Albert Francis and all his staff together with Bill Hardiman; to Mr. Harold Richards, the club Doctors, Physios and club masseurs for their medical expertise; to our Stewardess, Gaynor Parsons and her staff for their wholeheartedness efforts on our behalf; to the Supporters Club for their loyalty and support coupled with Ted and Nancy John for their unflagging efforts with the shop and Ted's willingness to always be at hand with touring and school parties in the museum; to the St. Alban's Band and their conductor, John Williams; to Don Davies and all the club Stewards; and finally my many friends and loyal club members and supporters everywhere — thank you all.

### CARDIFF ATHLETIC XV CENTENARY SEASON 1979/80

Roger Lane, a 'Blue and Black' through and through was appointed Captain of the Rags in this their Centenary Year. No other player deserved the honour more. His years of service to Cardiff R.F.C. have surely inspired many of the younger players in the Rags this season—especially so when you consider that he was the top try scorer with 19 tries. We all wish Roger and his family success and happiness in Penzance. He will prove a valuable asset to Penzance and Newlyn Rugby Club both on and off the field.

The season was not as successful from a playing record as was hoped following the previous season's impressive record and performance.

#### PLAYING RECORD —

Played 38. Won 31. Lost 6. Drawn 1. Points for 825. Points against 344.

TOP POINTS SCORERS: David Barry (98), Leighton May (68) with 17 tries and Roger Lane (76) — 19 tries.

HIGHEST NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED: T. Crothers (30), R. Lane (27), L. May (27), J. O'Brian (25).





Back Row: J. MOORE, P. GOODFELLOW, G. PHILLIPS, M. CURTIS, H. STONE, R. WILLIAMS.  
 Second Row: J. O'DONNELL, G. DONOVAN, D. CARPENTER, T. NEWMAN, J. MANDERS, G. DIAMOND, P. FORD, S. LAKIN, N. LEWIS, S. PILL, L. JONES, P. GOODFELLOW.  
 Third Row: M. EVANS, P. HERON, M. BURRIDGE, A. BARTLETT (Captain), P. DAVIES (Coach), J. SOUTO, W. G. DAVIES (Hon. Secretary), S. BLACKMORE.  
 Front Row: M. RING, S. DUDDERIDGE, R. CHILCOTT.

RAGS CAPS AWARDED TO: \*Tim Crothers, Ian Eidman, Terry Lee, Leighton May, \*Mark Powell.

\*Both players from last year's Youth XV.

YOUTH PLAYERS PLAYED FOR RAGS: K. Trevett (5), H. Mosely (4), P. Heron (3), P. Ford (2), J. Moore, J. Manders, A. Edwards, H. Stone (1).

Special thanks must go to Mr. Lynn Williams, Chairman of Rags Centenary Committee for all his work; to John Davies, Tony Williams, Mervyn John and Colin Howe for their commitment; to the Ladies Centenary Committee headed by Mrs. Muriel Williams — THANK YOU ALL for your efforts especially the Pate and Punch Evening, Wild West Evening and Centenary Prize Draw raising funds for Rags Tour to Scotland.

Finally may I personally congratulate Tony Bartlett and the Youth XV on their wonderful season — you have brought credit and distinction to yourselves and Cardiff Rugby Football Club.

H. NORRIS, Chairman.

#### CARDIFF R.F.C. YOUTH: SEASON 1979/80

The Cardiff Youth squad under the astute leadership of skipper Anthony Bartlett and coach Peter Davies wrote their names into the record books at the Arms Park when they beat St. Peters Youth 32-0 in the 40th and final game of the season on 22nd April, 1980.

In the process of winning all 40 of their games and becoming the first invincible XV of Cardiff R.F.C. they amassed 1,320 points while conceding only 111. They crossed for 256 tries and restricted their opponents to just six touch downs.

In a season of outstanding performances, notable victories were recorded against Nottingham 40-3 and 22-3, who were otherwise undefeated; Bristol 11-0, Glamorgan Wanderers 18-7 South Wales Police Cadets 48-4, Neath 32-0, Bridgend 10-0 and 16-9, Rumney 43-12, Newport 39-0 and a full Spain Youth XV 19-6.

The Welsh Youth (Esso) Cup was won for the first time beating Cwmbran 20pts to 3 and not one try was scored against Cardiff in the Competition.

The Maesteg 7-a-side Tournament was won without a single point being scored against Cardiff, the final against the host side



being a truly magnificent demonstration of the talent and character of the Cardiff squad. The final score was 36-0.

In the Cardiff and District 7-a-side Tournament at Rumney on Monday, 5th May, both the Cup and Plate were won by Cardiff "A" and Cardiff "B" respectively under the leadership of Anthony Bartlett ("A") and Dale Carpenter ("B").

Vice-Captain and scrumhalf Martin Burrige scored a club record 37 tries for the season and also collected the Player of the Year award from both Cardiff R.F.C. and Cardiff and District Youth Union. Philip Ford our talented full back scored 36 tries.

The Cardiff Club supplied seven of the 25 strong Welsh Youth team to tour South Africa in May/June giving a clear indication of our overall strength and superiority. The seven tourists are Martin Burrige, Philip Ford, Kevin Trevett, John Manders and the superb front row of Alan Edwards, Joseph Souto and Matthew Curtis.

As a final achievement the Cardiff Youth squad won the "Best side in the Cardiff and District" award and on that happy note it is hoped that the obvious talent of these young players will be realised at senior level in the Cardiff R.F.C. 1980/81 season.

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

### **Supporters Club Activities 19th December 1979**

The tenth year of the Supporters Club followed the pattern of previous seasons with trips organised to most of the away games.

Social Events organised included quiz evenings, film shows and skittle matches.

The Supporters Club, at the request of the Rugby Committee, organised an evening of entertainment for the Canadian Touring Party. It was an outstanding success and particularly gratifying was the attendance of our Cardiff 'Canuck' Hans de Goede.

The main social events were, of course, the Player of the Year evening and the Annual Dinner Dance.

Both events were well attended. At the former, the player of the year award was received by Terry Holmes. It was also decided that captains of the 1st XV and Athletic XV should receive

a memento of their year of office and Messrs. Nelmes and John were the first recipients of these awards.

At the Dinner Dance a donation of £100 was made to the 'Rags' Centenary. A fund raising evening later in the year realised a similar amount.

The international scene provided us with our biennial trip to H.Q. To repeat last year's comment in relation to our trip to France—despite the scramble for tickets and the adverse result all contrived to have a good time.

I would wish to acknowledge the help and assistance given to the supporters club by the rugby committee and office staff. Particular mention must be made of the club stewardess, Mrs. Gaynor Parsons, who has assisted in many ways to make our social events successful.

E. JOHN, *Chairman*

# RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1979-80

## CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1979															
Sept	1 East District ..	H	Won	9	3				66		2				8
	5 Glam Wanderers ..	A	Won	1	2		4		26				3		9
	8 Neath ..	H	Won	1	4	1	1		28				1		3
	12 Bristol ..	H	Draw	1	2		1		17	1	2		1		17
	15 Coventry ..	A	Lost		3		1		15	1	1		2		16
	19 Canada ..	H	Won	2	1		1		19		2				8
	22 Aberavon ..	H	Won	3	2		1		29	1		1	1		12
	26 Penarth ..	A	Won	1			2		12						0
	29 Moseley ..	H	Won	3	1		3		31	1	1				10
Oct.	3 Bridgend ..	H	Lost				3		9		2		2	1	17
	10 Pontypridd ..	A	Won		1		3		13		1		2		10
	13 Northampton ..	H	Won	5	3		1		45		1				4
	17 Newport ..	A	Won	3	3	1	2		21	1			2		12
	20 Cambridge Univ. ..	H	Won	4	1	1	2		37	1		1	1		12
	24 Pontypool ..	A	Lost		1		2		10	3	1		2		28
	27 Harlequins ..	A	Won	3	4		3		43	1	1		3		19
	31 Don Pill Mem. Game	H	Lost	1			3		15	2	3		1		27
	Nov. 3 Munster ..	A	Won	1			3		15		1	1	2		13
7 Oxford Univ. ‡															
10 Ebbw Vale ..	H	Won	3	2		2		32	2	1				16	
24 Llanelli ..	A	Lost		2		2		14	2			2		18	
Dec. 4 Swansea ..	H	Won		3	1	2		21	1	1		2		16	
5 Maesteg ..	A	Lost	1	1		1		13	2	1		1		19	
8 London Welsh ..	H	Won	6	2		2		50	2					12	
22 Aberavon ..	H	Won	3	3		2		36		2				8	
26 Pontypridd ..	H	Won	1	1	1	2		19				1		3	
29 Coventry ..	H	Won	3	3	1			33	1	1		1		13	
1980															
Jan.	1 Bath ..	H	Won	1	1		2		16		1				4
	5 Moseley ..	A	Won	1	2		2		20				2		6
26 Aberavon ..	A	Lost		4		2		22	1	2	2	3		29	
Feb.	2 Ebbw Vale ..	A	Won			2	2		12				2		6
	9 Bristol ..	A	Won	1	2				14	1			1		9
	16 London Welsh ..	A	Won	4	2		3		41	1	1		3		19
	23 Wasps ..	H	Won	1	4		1		25		2				8
	29 Heriots F'P. ..	H	Won	2	5		2		38				3		9
Mar.	4 San Isidro ..	H	Lost	1	1				10		1		3		16
	8 Pontypool ..	A	Lost		1				4	1	1				10
	18 Bridgend ..	A	Lost				1		3		1				4
	22 Newport ..		Won		2		1		11				2		6
	April 5 Barbarians ..	H	Lost	2			1		15	3	2		2		32
7 Harlequins ..	H	Won	2	2		2		26	2			2		18	
12 Swansea ..	A	Won		3		1		15				2		6	
19 Neath ..	A	Lost	1	1		3		19	2	1	2	1		25	
25 Llanelli ..	H	Won	3	6		1		45	2					12	
	TOTALS			79	91	7	77		1090	36	37	10	58		571

†Cancelled matches.

# Cardiff First Fifteen— continued

## South African Tour —

	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against				
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG
Aug. 4	S. E. Transvaal ..	A	Won	2	1		3	25	2			3	21
8	N. Transvaal U.25 ..	A	Won	4				24		1		2	10
11	Far North of Transvaal	A	Won	2	5		3	35		1	1	1	10
14	Western Province ..	A	Lost				4	12	3	6			42
18	N. Orange Free State	A	Won	1			6	24		1	1	4	19
22	N. Natal ..	A	Lost	2	1			16		3		2	18
25	Natal ..	A	Won	2	1	1	2	25	1	2		1	17
				13	8	1	18	161	6	14	2	13	137

## SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR RECORD:

Played 7; Won 5; Lost 2; For: 161 points; Against: 137 points.

WRU CUP: Played 3; Won 2; Lost 1; Points for 85; Against 22.

Nov. 17 Waunarllywyd H Won ... 43 - 3

Dec. 15 Wrexham H Won ... 36 - 6

Jan. 12 Pontypridd H Lost ... 6 - 13

## SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS

### Penarth Strongbow Sevens — August 27th, 1979

Won Old Penarthians 28-3.  
Won Lydney 20-0.  
Lost Steephelm 12-16 in extra time.

### Haig International Tournament — Edinburgh, 26th April, 1980

#### In Pool C —

Lost London Scottish 12-0.  
Lost Hawick 20-18.

### W.R.U. National Sevens — Pontypool, 12th May, 1980

1st Round Lost Newbridge 22-18.

NEW CLUB POINTS RECORD: 1,090 points.

N.B. — Never lower than 6th in unofficial Western Mail Championship.

Captain: GARETH DAVIES

Vice-Captain: JOHN SCOTT

TOTAL PLAYING RECORD: Played 46; Won 32; Lost 13; Drawn 1.



# CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1979															
Sept. 5	Llanharan ..	..	H Won	2	1				16	2			1		15
8	Bedwas ..	..	A Won	1	2		1		17	1	1		1		13
12	Bristol Utd. ..	..	A Lost	1	1		1		13	2	2		1		23
15	Coventry Extras	..	H Won	3	3				30	1	1				10
20	C.H.S.O.B. ..	..	A Won	1	2	1	1		20				1		3
22	Bridgend Sports	..	A Won	2					12				1		3
26	Garnidfaith ..	..	H Won	2	1		1		19		1		1		7
29	Moseley Ath.	..	A Lost	1			2		10	1		1	2		15
Oct. 5	Newport Utd.	..	H Lost				1		3	1			2		12
10	Pontypridd Ath.	..	H Won	1	4		1		25	1	1				10
13	Quins Wands.	..	A Won	2			3		21		1		2		10
20	Neath Ath. ..	..	A Won	1			1		9		2				8
24	Pontypool Ath.	..	H Won				4		28						0
27	Penygraig ..	..	H Won	2	7				40			1			3
Nov. 3	Llantwit Major	..	H Won	3	2		1		29						0
10	Ebbw Vale Ath.	..	A Won	6	1	1	1		46	1			1		9
19	Blackwood ..	..	A Won	2	1		3		25	3					18
19	Glamorgan County	*	H Won	1	4	1			25				1		3
24	Neath Ath. ..	..	H Won	3	6				42						0
Dec. 1	Swansea Ath.	..	A Lost	1			1		7	1		1	3		18
8	Treorchy ..	..	A Won		2				8			1	1		6
15	Lampeter	†													
22	Bridgend Sports	..	H Dr.	1			1		9				3		9
29	Coventry Extras	..	A Won	1	1		1		13	1	1				10
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Jan. 5	Moseley Ath.	..	H Won	4			1		27	1	1		1		13
18	Abercynon ..	..	H Won	2			4		24	1			5		21
26	Pontypool Utd.	..	H Won	1	2	1	1		20	2					12
Feb. 2	Talywain ..	..	H Won	1	2		2		20				3		9
9	Bristol Utd. ..	..	H Won	2	2				20	1	1	1			13
16	London Welsh Druids	..	H Won	1	2				14				3		9
27	Cardiff & District	*†	H Won	4	2	1	1		38		1				4
Mar. 8	Pontypool Ath.	..	A Lost	2					12	1	1	1			13
15	Pontypool Utd.	..	A Won	3			1		21				1		3
22	Newport Utd.	..	A Won	2	4				28		1		1		7
29	Senghenydd ..	..	A Won	3	6				42						0
April 2	Pembrokeshire C.	*†	A Lost	1	1	1	1		16	1	2				17
10	Kelso ..	*†	A Won	2	1	1	3		28				3		9
11	Galashiels Selection	*†	A Won		3		1		15				3		9
19	Ebbw Vale Ath.	..	H Won	1	6	1			33						0
	Totals			64	75	8	39		825	22	17		6	42	344

Captain: ROGER LANE

\*Special "Rags" Centenary Games.

†Cancelled Matches.

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 38; Won 31; Lost 6; Drawn 1.

## "RAGS" SEVENS

Portobello F.P RNC Sevens at Duddingston, (Edinburgh)

Won Kelso (1978-79 Cup Holders) 16-8.

Won Leith 14-8.

Lost Preston Lodge 4-10.

## CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS — Rugby First XV.

Year	Captain	Vice-Captain
1876-77	T. S. DONALDSON	SELEY
1877-78	E. C. FRY	..
1878-79	H. H. FOA	..
1879-80	W. D. PHILLIPS	..
1880-81	W. D. PHILLIPS	..
1881-82	B. E. GIRLING	..
1882-83	W. D. PHILLIPS	..
1883-84	H. J. SIMPSON	..
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1885-86	F. E. HANCOCK	..
1886-87	W. M. DOUGLAS	..
1887-88	G. A. F. HILL	..
1888-89	C. S. ARTHUR	..
1889-90	W. E. O. WILLIAMS	..
1890-91	D. W. EVANS	..
1891-92	T. W. PEARSON	..
1892-93	N. BIGGS	..
1893-94	A. F. HILL	..
1894-95	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	..
1895-96	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	..
1896-97	J. E. ELLIOT	..
1897-98	S. BIGGS	..
1898-99	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	..
1899-1900	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	..
1900-01	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	..
1901-02	H. B. WINFIELD	..
1902-03	H. B. WINFIELD	..
1903-04	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	..
1904-05	C. F. BIGGS	..
1905-06	PERCY F. BUSH	..
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1908-09	PERCY F. BUSH	..
1909-10	J. L. WILLIAMS	..
1910-11	R. A. GIBBS	..
1911-12	L. M. DYKE	..
1912-13	W. SPILLER	..
1913-14	W. J. JENKINS	..
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1929-30	W. D. PHILLIPS	..
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1931-32	B. E. GIRLING	..
1932-33	B. E. GIRLING	..
1933-34	W. D. PHILLIPS	..
1934-35	W. D. PHILLIPS	..
1935-36	W. D. PHILLIPS	..
1936-37	W. D. PHILLIPS	..
1937-38	A. F. HILL	..
1938-39	A. F. HILL	..
1939-40	C. S. ARTHUR	..
1940-41	S. H. NICHOLLS	..
1941-42	D. W. EVANS	..
1942-43	F. N. JONES	..
1943-44	A. LEWIS	..
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2019-20	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	..
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# CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I welcome the opportunity of reporting to Members those club activities not covered by the Captain's reports.

Pride of place this year must go to our Youth XI who in the first year, won the "Western Cricket League Youth Competition". The magnificent trophy, presented to the League by Wilkinson Sword will be displayed at Sophia Gardens during the coming year. Several of them have already established themselves in the Club's Senior XI's, although the success was very much a team effort, the final against Stroud at Cheltenham will be remembered particularly for some fine batting by Hugh Morris, Hugh Jones, Huw Owen and Neil Slatter and excellent bowling by Gary Hibbert and Chris Day. We now look forward to defending the trophy but inevitably many of the players from the 1979 Team will no longer qualify as Youth Players.

The success of the Youth side can be partly attributed to the youth nets we have held for several years, these were continued but whenever possible we encouraged youngsters between 10 and 14 to attend special nets on Sunday mornings. I must thank several senior members for their help on these mornings. It is hoped these nets will become a permanent feature and we will welcome any youngsters on Sundays if they are keen and eager to try out their skills in the nets.

Several of the Youth XI had also taken part in the Cardiff Cricket Club's Schools Competition. This Knock-out Competition went ahead despite problems encountered with the Teacher's Strike. The finalists were again Whitchurch and Llanishen but this year Llanishen turned the tables and beat the holders in a closely contested final.

Every year early in July we hold a 6-a-Side Competition, this year was fairly unique, we were blessed with fine weather, the sun shone all day. This must have had an uplifting effect on our cricketers for they managed to win the final against Maesteg Celtic. I am pleased to be able to acknowledge the hard work done by J. O. Webb, R. Napier and Ian Holmes in organising the event, also those people who donated prizes, the helpers on the day, especially Gordon Eccles, who adjudicated and the Tea Ladies who were on duty all day. Also I would like to express thanks to all the sides who took part, especially the cricketers of the Rugby Section.

A little later in the year after rugby training had started we played and only narrowly defeated a team of Cardiff Rugby Players. This game is one of many mid-week fixtures arranged against local clubs and touring teams. All club members especially former cricket players are welcome anytime but more so if they come along to watch the game and socialise afterwards.

Finally, I am delighted to congratulate our Captain—David Lewis—on being the first Cardiff Cricketer for many years to represent Wales. I must thank Albert Francis for his support and, despite what is said elsewhere, for providing better wickets than any others in South Wales. Sophia Gardens is improving all the time, the nets and practice areas are facilities other clubs cannot match. After a difficult start the Man-

agement Committee agreed to open the bar every night and the tennis section is now attracting more members, I am sure Sophia Gardens will develop. Certainly on a fine evening the outlook cannot be bettered, Jack behind the bar is most obliging at all times and if club members make use of the facilities provided then in time it could become as much a meeting place as the Arms Park.

GWYN STONE

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The theme of my report last year revealed a Cardiff 1st XI which was half a team, lacked application and guts and which was largely immature. The same cannot be said for the summer of '79, when it was clear that the side had come of age. Apart from a bad run in the middle of the season we revealed as much talent on the field as any side we played against and no match was comprehensively lost. There were convincing victories against Bath, Malmesbury, Gloucester, Lansdown, Downend, Imperial and the eventual League champions Keynsham and we were not pleased when two matches against weak opposition were wiped out because of rain. Nevertheless, we finished ninth out of eighteen in the league table and could easily have finished higher.

Many of the players deserve a personal mention. Paul Good recovered much of his form and headed the averages with 491 runs at an average of 30.69. His innings against Chippenham when he scored 103 out of 154 was particularly brilliant. Ricky Lewis, who opened with him, played several invaluable innings—his ability is unquestioned in my mind and Cardiff can expect him to be a sheet anchor for many years to come. Chris Elward was perhaps the most improved cricketer of the year and impressed with some batting of real style. The mercurial Willie Jones must be congratulated firstly for his consistency of appearance, secondly for two matchwinning innings and lastly for his spirit on and off the field. Colin Toshack once again proved that he has as much ability as any player in the Club and it is only a matter of application for him to write himself into the record books.

On the bowling side we are beginning to find our feet and some members may be surprised to learn that the Captain bowled fewer overs in the league than one of his opening bowlers. Ian Holmes bowled exceptionally well for much of the season. He tries as hard as anyone and has learned to bowl line and length without tensing. Howard Slade is another natural athlete who can be a most frustrating defensive bowler and he should concentrate on this rather than his dream of being an off-spinner. Dave Cooper was, as always, tireless in effort and although not quite at his best took valuable wickets and just kept going when the pressure was on. Chris Day was a much better bowler this season but he has to control his volatile nature; too often he forgot the basics of bowling when attacked. In spite of this I believe he will succeed and bowl faster and better for Cardiff in the future.

The fielding this summer was a hundred per cent improvement on last year and the younger players particularly caught almost everything and chased every ball. Paul Good did an excellent job behind the sticks in the absence of Stephen Lang and Tim Littlewood for a large part of the season. For the future, careful consideration should be given to the slip positions as this is where we are rather weak.



The results of the 2nd XI were particularly heartening, and my congratulations go to Gerry Mills who took over from Nigel Rees in difficult circumstances and did a marvellous job. On behalf of the whole Club I would like to wish Nigel a rapid return to good health and I hope we will see him back in action soon.

In conclusion, it is my firm belief that if the 1st XI improves half as much next season as it did this season, we will win the league or come very close. My only concern for the Club now is that we maintain the aggression we have shown. We are playing in a league which has County or Minor County players in every side and an immature or lighthearted approach will ensure that we come last. I wish the advocates of nice, friendly cricket could have seen the determination on the faces of the side when we chased a Downend total of 160 against a Gloucester 1st XI bowler and got them with overs to spare and 6 wickets in hand only minutes before the rain came.

My thanks to all: players, groundsmen, Committee, Secretary/Scorer and Chairman for your support during the season.

D. W. LEWIS

#### BATTING AVERAGES

<i>Western League</i>					
	Innings	N/O	Runs	H/S	Average
P. Good	14	1	444	103	34.15
W. Jones	12	4	209	50*	26.13
H. Slade	14	1	241	61	18.54
<i>All matches</i>					
P. Good	17	1	491	103	30.69
W. Jones	13	4	243	50*	27.00
Q. Bryars	21	1	520	98	26.00
H. Slade	18	2	302	61	18.88
R. Lewis	23	0	346	42	15.04

#### BOWLING AVERAGES

<i>Western League</i>					
	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Average
D. Lewis	171	18	620	46	13.48
I. Holmes	133.2	27	333	21	15.86
D. Cooper	187	37	528	26	20.31
H. Slade	68	11	194	9	21.55
C. Day	81.3	20	241	8	30.12
<i>All matches</i>					
D. Lewis	219.4	26	784	56	14.00
I. Holmes	170.2	37	427	26	16.42
D. Cooper	203	38	593	29	20.44
H. Slade	87.5	14	262	12	21.83
C. Cay	116.3	28	370	11	33.63

#### 2nd XI REPORT

Fourteen matches were played in the Western League, and one friendly against Hereford (which was drawn). Of the League matches the first was abandoned with snow covering the field, 7 were won and 6 lost, with the team finally finishing in 7th place. Had it not been for a disastrous July when four successive matches were lost we might well have finished in the top three.

Considering the youth and relative inexperience of our side this was a creditable performance. Speaking in general terms our batting was much more consistent than in recent seasons and we were able to accumulate good totals in most games. This improvement could be attributed to the fine seasons enjoyed by Kevin Hibbert, Brian Pleass and David Kenning in particular, but everyone played their part.

Our bowling throughout the season failed to match the performances of other years; against some of the better sides we failed to keep on top of the batsmen, and it must be admitted that the bowlers were not always aided by good fielding and catching. Nevertheless, the statistics show that there were several good performances, particularly from Steve Price, Ed Evans, Kevin and Gary Hibbert and Nick Gower.

All in all it was an interesting and exciting season in which several younger players made marked progress. In 1980, I predict, we will do even better, provided that the attitude remains as positive as it is now and every player continues to give 100% effort.

My best wishes for a full recovery go to Nigel Rees—we hope that he will be fit to resume active cricket soon. My thanks go to Ed Evans, my vice-captain, and a most reliable bowler, to David Stone for scoring on many occasions, to Gwyn Stone for his invaluable work behind the scenes, to the ladies for their excellent teas, to Gordon Eccles, our valiant umpire, and to Albert Francis and the groundsmen.

My biggest vote of thanks, though, goes to every playing member of the side for their unstinted support and effort.

Finally, I wish every success to Stephen Lang who takes over as skipper for 1980.

G. MILLS

#### BATTING AVERAGES

<i>Western League</i>					
	Innings	N/O	Runs	H/S	Average
K. Hibbert	10	6	219	55*	35.50
D. Kenning	8	0	232	51	29.00
B. Pleass	8	0	199	50	24.88
G. Mills	13	2	264	59*	24.00

#### BOWLING AVERAGES

<i>Western League</i>					
	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Average
S. Price	87	19	215	16	13.63
G. Hibbert	93.4	15	288	19	15.16
E. Evans	131	39	320	18	17.78
K. Hibbert	49	10	178	7	25.43
D. Kaler	43	5	180	7	25.71

#### RESERVE XI REPORT

Traditionally the Reserve XI has been the nursery of the Club and the main feature in the past year has been the development of the young players.

This year Hugh Jones was outstanding with both bat and ball, he performed a Hat Trick in a match against Tredegar Harlequins and went on to establish a regular second team place. Jock Day also per-



formed creditably with the ball and it is to his credit that he is now at 14 regarded as a stalwart of the team. He seems destined for representative honours in the future. During the season Huw Owen, Neil Slatter, Wynne Evans, D. Wright and S. Morgan of the youngsters all contributed performances worthy of note.

In our first year in the Morganwg League we finished half way up the table winning six of the twelve games completed and could have done better if teams were selected purely on merit. However, there was the need to give everyone a game and sometimes winning became a secondary matter.

Although the team was ravaged by "cry offs" from the first and second XIs, there was a good spirit within the side and this goes well for the future.

The captaincy was shared by G. Stone, J. Riches and R. Patel but one of the perennial problems is the shortage of senior officers. One hopes that retired players would come forward and put back something in the game by offering their services, thereby contributing to the better enjoyment of the game by all. Any extra help with umpiring and scoring would be much appreciated. Thanks are due to several for their help especially the Ladies for providing teas. Albert for providing our wickets and to the Secretary for providing a full and varied fixture list.

R. PATEL

#### CLUB TOUR 1979

The Club's fourth Hampshire tour proved a great success. Following the poorly arranged 1978 tour, Ramesh Patel and Ian Holmes had put in a great deal of work with the result that five good fixtures together with accommodation and a coach were all organised well before the start of the cricket season. The reward for this was that on the 23rd July 1979 a party of sixteen travelled to Winchester and our base for the week, the Westgate Hotel. Whilst naturally not fully representative, the tour party was probably the strongest in terms of ability yet taken and this was reflected in the results, the Club enjoying its first unbeaten tour. In the five fixtures we had one victory and four draws, in two or which only the opposition's last pair denied us victory.

The first match against Hambledon provided our only victory, minds and bodies at this stage being undimmed by off-the-field activities. We dismissed our hosts for 159 (G. Hibbert 3-34, G. Mills 3-26), scoring the runs for the loss of 5 wickets (C. Elward 62\*, P. Ford 46).

On Tuesday we played Portsdown for the first time and they scored 206-1 declared. We replied with 142-7 (Mills 68) in our worst performance of the week.

Wednesday saw us at St. Cross's most pleasant ground. Richard Lewis (62) and Peter Ford (84) put on 125 for the first wicket and we declared at 180-4. St. Cross replied with 129-9 (C. Day 5-19).

The closest fixture was the Thursday match at Alton. Although we were strengthened by the arrival of Howard Slade and Club Captain David Lewis, Alton managed to score 210-7. By this stage of the week the excesses of touring were apparent in our fielding. Left 65 minutes and 20 overs to bat and with Peter Ford unable to bat through injury, we made a fine effort to reach 193-7, David Lewis scoring a quick on-side 50.

In Friday's match at Devizes on our way home, we scored 171-9 (M. Hibbert 49) and reduced the home side to 112-9 (Day 3-34, R. Lewis 4-32) without being able to take the vital last wicket.

Overall, the tour was an excellent week and most enjoyable to all who participated. Our thanks once again to Ramesh and Ian, and to the weatherman who provided five clear days.

TONY EDWARDS

#### CARDIFF SUNDAY XI REPORT FOR SEASON 1979

With the ever increasing domination of Club cricket by K.O. cups and Leagues, the Sunday XI hopefully provide a refreshing change for players committed to competitions. In fact, its true to say that some of Club's younger players have never been involved in a match where a declaration has occurred until they turn out for the Sunday XI.

For most team reports the summer's results are the only criteria for judging the success of the side. However, with the Sunday XI a successful season does not depend entirely on results. True, they play an important part in any competitive game, but enjoyment, satisfaction, team spirit and plain fun, all blended together, produced a great season for everyone involved.

The results, in the main, went Cardiff's way throughout the summer. Special mention must be made of the victories against Bridgend, Devizes, South Wales Hunts and Penarth. All four victories illustrated how much a team game cricket is, with solid batting being backed up by tight bowling and sound fielding. Our three match 'series' against Pontypridd ended all square while the games against Caerphilly Druids produced high scores and two victories. The one defeat worth mentioning (notable for individual performances) was that against Hatherlieg and Reddings. Chris and Mike Edward opened the batting for Cardiff and were still there 170 runs later. This incidentally was the best opening stand for any side representing Cardiff all season.

There were many other notable individual performances, unfortunately too many to mention here.

I would like to thank Ian Holmes for captaining the side in my absence and to everybody else who took part. Special mention must be made of Albert Francis and his groundsman for their hard work and effort in preparing the wickets.

RICHARD NAPIER



## 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 )	Names of Captains not recorded	1932 ..	E. C. DOLMAN
1882 )		1933 ..	G. L. RATTENBURY
1883 )		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	2ND WORLD WAR
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		

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

### CAPTAIN'S REPORT

On the 20th April, 1979 we opened our green and our Chairman, Mr. E.F. Couzens welcomed all present, new members and old. The Captains were introduced, S.J. Stevens, Club Captain and Jack Stevens, "A" Side Captain, and after a few words from each of these gentlemen, Mr. Couzens invited our guest Mr. Eddie Jenkins, President of the County of South Glamorgan Bowling Association, to bowl the traditional first wood. Mr. Jenkins wished the Club a very successful season and proceeded to deliver two excellent bowls. Following this ceremony all members and their ladies retired to the Pavilion where, due to the generosity of the Section Committee, Mr. Les Podd, Mr. Derek James and of course our ladies who had once again provided a wonderful buffet, we proceeded to have a very enjoyable evening.

*W.B.A. Results.* We again won our Section. Played 5, won 5. 536 shots for, and 409 against, 127 shots up but like last year we fell victims to Abertridwr in the play off by 20 shots. 65 for, 85 against. Perhaps we will do better next year.

*P.G.1 Results.* Played 7, we won 5 and lost 2. 592 shots for, and 490 against, 102 shots up.

*Friendly Results.* Played 5, won 3 and lost 2. 453 shots for, and 369 shots against, 114 shots up.

*Sunday and Mid-week Results.* Played 19, won 12 and lost 7. 828 shots for, and 715 shots against, 113 shots up. On the whole a very good performance all round, maybe not quite what we all would have liked, but a good performance just the same.

The first of 3 touring sides to the Arms Park were highly successful playing wise and socially. Newnham from Cambridgeshire was a very good match which we ran out winners. 154 shots up to 82. 72 shots up. Paxmans, Colchester touring South Wales for the first time, we ran out winners. 150 shots to 88. 62 shots up. I am sure you all enjoyed that night, it was one of the highlights of the year. The County of Bedfordshire were made of sterner stuff but we prevailed 115 shots to 114. This was a very fine game for us against a full county side.

Throughout this season the ladies have done a really tremendous job in providing teas of the highest order for all our home games. You have my sincerest thanks, ladies.

Here I must comment on the loss of our President, the late Hubert Johnson. Hubert as he was affectionately called was a very good friend of the Bowls Section. He listened to all our wants and suggestions with patience and understanding and helped us at all times, we shall miss him very much indeed.

So one door closes another one opens and through this portal steps Mr. Les. Spence, a man with blue and black blood in his veins. Congratulations Les. from all of us in the Bowls Section, may your Presidency be a long and happy one. You grew up in the Rugby Section, but you matured in the Bowls Section.

We also extend our best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Haydn Wilkins our new Chairman. All success to you, sir.



My year of office has been greatly helped by the support of our genial "A" Team Captain, Mr. Jack Stevens. He had the hard job this year, but rarely did I see him without a smile and a cheery word. Thanks Jack for your support. Our afternoons tea bosun, Mr Ifor Hockey did a great job, no doubt after listening to his report you will all agree with me. Well done, Ifor. Don Davies' name readily comes to mind, his trips every Saturday to provide us with salads were very much appreciated. Thank you, Don. Our tournaments were brought to a successful conclusion mainly by the tireless efforts of Mr. Brian Hazell and Mr. Malcolm Gilmore. You both did a very good job, thank you very much. The Club Championship was won by Stan Hull, who reversed last year's result by beating Elwyn Chapple in a very exciting and hard fought game.

The Handicap winner was Billy Light who beat Gordon Hazell.

The Two-Wood winner was John Richards who beat S. J. Stevens.

The Special Singles was won by Ernie Cross beating G. Hazell.

Pairs winners were Chris Williams and Ray Ash beating Ron Arthur and Stan Hull. Well done one and all.

Once again Stan Hull won the Aberystwyth Corporation Cup. Getting a regular habit Stan, make it three in a row next year.

The Post Office held their National Championships at our Green and here I must pay tribute to Gareth Jones and Ifor Hockey in particular for their efforts in providing coffee and tea all day for the players and spectators. Well done. I would now like to say thanks to Albert Francis and John Fahy our green keepers for providing us with a green that had nothing but praise from all the sides who visited us. There are not many better greens around, I can assure you. Thank you, gentlemen.

To Gaynor Parsons and all her bar staff may I say thanks for helping to round off all our home games with a pint or two and a smile, which was greatly appreciated.

The elders, as I call the Section Committee members, were always available for help when I needed it, for this they have my warmest thanks. But most of all I must convey my sincere thanks for the support you have given me throughout this season and may I add it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve you, an experience which I will not forget. I hope sincerely you will do the same for next year's unopposed Captain, Mr. Bob Mills. Congratulations Bob and thank you, one and all.

S. J. STEVENS

#### "A" TEAM CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Owing to unfortunate circumstances Les Podd, our elected Captain, was unable to take office. I was nominated and elected in rather a rush. However, with the support of all the officers and members it turned out, I hope to all concerned, a happy and successful season.

Our team of ladies once again excelled themselves in providing the teas, and it was a pleasure to hear the complimentary remarks from visiting teams. Ladies please accept our sincere thanks.

JACK STEVENS

#### P.G.2 Results

Played 9. Won 6. Lost 3. Shots for 685. Against 666.

#### Skip Results

	Played 9.	Won 5.	Lost 4.	Shots up 46.
J. A. Judd				
J. Stevens	" 9.	" 4.	" 5.	" down 32.
A. Brunt	" 4.	" 3.	" 1.	" " 17.
E. Chapple	" 3.	" 2.	" 1.	" " 21.
D. Watkins	" 3.	" 2.	" 1.	" down 8.

#### Friendly Results

Played 12. Won 7. Lost 5.

We were pleased to stage the match between the County of South Glamorgan B.A. versus Wiltshire B.A. on our green, which resulted in a win for S. Glamorgan.

Our sincere thanks are once again extended to the General Secretary (Mr. K. H. George) and his staff for the valuable help given us throughout the season.

#### Obituary

We extend our deepest sympathy to one of our old members, Mr. E. A. James, in the loss of his dear wife. Many of we older members recall with gratitude the many years of service she performed with the Saturday teas.

T.P.

## PAST CAPTAINS OF BOWLS SECTION

1924 .. J. BATSTONE	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

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1979

This has been the first full year at our new ground in Sophia Gardens and while conditions in these pleasant surroundings are much better than they were in the Arms Park, there is room for improvement.

There has been a very encouraging increase in membership and this has enabled us to field teams for all the league matches except two (although the only win that was recorded was by the first team in the opening match of the season). However, teams were raised only with great difficulty and unless very much more interest is shown by members in playing league matches, it is my opinion that we should enter only one team in the league next year.

The state of the grass courts was disappointing after the promise which they showed last year but I am sure that with the care and attention they will receive from Mr. Albert Francis and his staff, next year will bring a big improvement. I think that it cannot be stressed too much how fortunate we were in obtaining two more Tennis-Quik courts through our association with UWIST. Without them, it would have been difficult to complete our league programme.

The annual tournament was run this year without completion dates being set for either the rounds or the finals. This was done at my suggestion I regret to say. I thought that it would enable members to enter who might otherwise be unable to because their holidays would co-incide with the tournament weeks; that it would provide a continuing interest throughout the season, and that it would avoid the necessity to scratch players who had been unable to play their matches by the dates set. But the experiment was not a success as the tournament dragged on for so long that participants lost interest and the scratching of players became inevitable.

As forecast in last year's report a new event was inaugurated, a singles tournament for veterans. The cup for the winner and a trophy for the runner-up were donated by Mr. Peter Lewis. The event was won by Mr. George Parker and the runner-up was Mr. Alan Davies.

The full list of results is as follows:—

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners-up</i>
Men's Singles	Mr. J. Myatt	Mr. W. P. Lewis
Ladies' Singles	Miss T. Marshall	Mrs. D. Marshall
Men's Doubles	Mr. D. F. Ward Mr. I. Pritchard	Mr. J. Myatt Mr. J. Verdon
Ladies' Doubles	Miss T. Marshall Mrs. J. G. Rawson	Mrs. D. Marshall Miss S. Olive
Mixed Doubles	Mr. J. Myatt Miss T. Marshall	Mr. D. F. Ward Mrs. J. G. Rawson
Veteran's Singles	Mr. G. Parker	Mr. A. Davies



Congratulations to all these finalists but especially to triple champion Miss Tracy Marshall!

The junior coaching was not as successful as it could have been. The main reason for this is that many pupils are unable to attend the sessions regularly because of examinations, holidays etc. and the continuity of the coaching programme which is most important, cannot be maintained. In addition, the wide disparity between the ability of the best and the least of the pupils calls for two coaches, one for the weaker players and one for the stronger, otherwise there is a tendency for the coach to give a disproportionate amount of attention to those that need it most to the neglect of the better players who may lose interest and stay away. I think that something different must be arranged for next season.

Our growing membership augers well for the future of the club and I look forward with confidence to next season.

On behalf of the Committee I express our thanks to Mr. George and his staff and to Mr. Francis and his staff for all the help which they have given us during the year.

T. R. MORGAN

### LADIES' CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 1979 Season has been an encouraging one for the ladies. When we first re-entered the league in 1978 there were times when we had great difficulty in raising a team of six players. This season, after a shaky start against Mackintosh III's we have established a regular team, together with a nucleus of reserves on whom to call. I should like to thank all those who have played in the team this season for their hard work, support and enthusiasm. Our goal for next season must be to improve on our position of 'fourth' in the league and aim for promotion. I should like to welcome all the new members who have joined us during the year. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the match practices at the beginning of the season.

On behalf of the ladies' team I should like to thank Mrs. Averill Matthews for her help in organising the team teas during the latter part of the season.

J. G. RAWSON,

*Ladies' Captain.*

### Ladies Division II East — Final Placings

1.	Rhiwbina II	..	..	28
2.	Park Whitchurch	..	..	26
3.	Penylan	..	..	24
4.	Cardiff Athletic	..	..	20
5.	Llantwit Major	..	..	18
6.	Mackintosh III	..	..	18
7.	Peterson-Super-Ely	..	..	16
8.	Creigiau	..	..	14

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC LAWN TENNIS CLUB CAPTAINS

		<i>Men's</i>			<i>Ladies'</i>
1923	..	T. J. HOPKINS	..	..	Miss E. CLARE
1924	..	T. J. HOPKINS	..	..	Mrs. G. D. HORSPOOL
1925	..	T. J. HOPKINS	..	..	Miss D. A. CALDER
1926	..	T. J. HOPKINS	..	..	Miss D. A. CALDER
1927	..	F. C. ORAM	..	..	Mrs. M. GERMAIN
1928	..	F. C. ORAM	..	..	Miss M. OXENHAM
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. WILLET
1964	..	F. P. DAVIES	..	..	Miss P. WILLET
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



# The Victorious 2nd XI after winning the 2nd XI Cup against Penarth



Back Row:

D. SOBEY, B. BROOK, J. JONES, E. COOPER, C. KALER, R. MCKERLICH, C. BROWN, P. KELVIN-SMITH.

Front Row:

S. SHARMA, B. HUNT, J. DAFFU, M. CLODE.

## CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

### RESULTS — SEASON 1979-80

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Aban.	Can.	For	Goals Agst.
1st XI	27	11	5	10	1	4	46	33
Cup Games	6	4	—	2	—	—	20	10
2nd XI	27	8	7	12	—	3	47	49
Cup Games	4	4	—	—	—	—	6	2
3rd XI	24	8	4	12	—	5	26	43
4th XI	20	3	2	15	—	5	16	69
5th XI	11	2	2	7	—	16	17	28
	119	40	20	58	1	33	178	234

### Leading Goal Scorers

C. Grafton	13	S. Shama	7
P. Kelvin-Smith	10	A. Rhys-Jones	7
G. Sohanpal	10	P. Rees	7
G. Kaler	10	K. Lord	6
S. Sparkes	8		

In all 48 players scored goals for the Club including 6 hat tricks.

### Representative Honours

Great Britain	R. B. Williams, H. D. J. Williams
Wales Indoor	R. B. Williams, H. D. J. Williams, A. Gowman
Welsh Squads	C. Grafton, T. J. Percival
Glamorgan	R. R. Wildblood
Welsh Schools	W. Hunt

Last season, as a Club, we failed to make a significant impact on local hockey. It is true that we won the indoor league, and the 2nd XI Cup and that we were defeated finalists in the South Wales Cup. I hope that our indoor team add to this by retaining the Welsh Indoor Cup on Sunday at St. Athan. However, the Welsh Cup has now eluded us for three years and we have not won the First XI league during this period. Many have suggested that the reason for recent success by Whitchurch and Swansea lies in their appointment of a manager. This may have been a contributory factor as a non-playing manager might lead a club to better organisation, well-attended training sessions, systematic coaching, better on-field discipline and enhanced morale. In my view, it is possible, if difficult, to achieve these desirable aims without such an appointment. The real reason for the recent success of Whitchurch and Swansea lies in the steady stream of talented young players who have joined each club from local schools. As a club, we have relied on our reputation and our superb facilities to attract established players who come to the area.

Unfortunately, perhaps due to the state of the Welsh economy, there has recently been an out-flow of our established players with very little recruitment of new players to compensate. For this reason our 1st XI



has lacked reserves of the quality necessary to sustain standards in weeks where several players are on representative duty. This same problem lead to some poor teams representing us at 3rd, 4th and 5th XI standard. The long term answer to this problem is for members of this Club to take an active part in the organisation of hockey in boys' schools or alternatively that we establish our own coaching system to recruit 12 to 14 year old boys and develop our own potential stars. Failing either of those, we must make a powerful commitment to organised prayer "Please God! Just two midfield players and three strikers."

In this context it is good to acknowledge Shri Sharma's contribution in recruiting the "Fitzalan Flyers" and it is pleasing that Shri is now to seek a formal coaching qualification. If they also teach him how to hit an empty goal from 4 yards that will be a bonus. Terry Jones, another qualified coach, has joined the Club and I look forward to the contribution he will make in the coming seasons.

The season was made memorable by our dinner dance, ably organised in the Park Hotel by David Le Masurier and the dinner in the Arms Park organised by Drunken John. I hope that these will be a basis for many further such events.

Throughout the last two seasons Neil Pallot has been President of the W.H.D. and we congratulate him on the achievements of this time.

Our thanks are due to the various people who made the Club work last year.

Tony Rhys-Jones: Now retiring as Secretary after 10 years of hard work but still available to serve the club in another capacity.

Mike Chinn: Retiring as Team Secretary but not yet going off to meet the "Great Resigner in the Sky".

Henry Bland: An efficient Fixture Secretary.

Geoffrey Percival: Dragooned by his son into yet another job for C.H.C., very willingly done.

Paul Kelvin-Smith: The "custodian of the tin" for bringing the Tea and Travel Fund another wealthy surplus.

Considerable gratitude is also due to our captains who carry a considerable burden and to our umpires for what they saw and (sometimes) for what they failed to hear.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for tolerating a foreigner as your Chairman for the last three years.

R. C. McKERLICH

### 1st XI Report

No fewer than 11 players who had played quite frequently for the 1st XI in the previous season moved from the area, and the number of training weekends meant that we were often without our best players and found it difficult to field a settled side. What was not excusable was the number of occasions on which we were forced to play with only ten men as someone failed to turn up. The Astroturf pitch at the Sports Centre on which we played and trained and which suited our style of play was damaged in the winter floods and could not be used after Christmas. All these factors meant that we had a disappointing season

which was not alleviated by the personal success of Bryn Williams and Howard Williams in being selected for Great Britain since the Great Britain Hockey Board then decided to withdraw from the Olympics.

The season started well by our winning the Penarth Sixes and having our largest win of the season, 9-0 against Abergavenny. Our best result was undoubtedly our 1-1 draw against Beckenham, a game we might well have won. The next day we fielded a much weaker side and lost quite heavily to Old Kingstonians; however, those who had travelled back to South Wales, won the Bridgend Indoor Sixes for the second year running.

The Penarth and Bridgend trophies were the only ones we won. In the league we were never able to play our strongest side and often struggled against mediocre sides who were used to playing on poor pitches and were not handicapped by having their best players regularly unavailable. We did well in the early rounds of the Welsh Cup and many thought that this was to be our year again. However, against Swansea University we again had only 10 men and threw away a 3-0 lead to lose 3-5 in extra time. We progressed much further in the Wales Ibrahim Cup but lost in the final in the best and most exciting game of the season 1-2 to Whitchurch.

In the so-called "friendlies" we lost a close match 2-3 to Marlborough but with a weak side did very well to draw 3-3 with Bristol, although in the second match of the season we lost 0-4.

We won the Indoor League but in the Indoor Cup we were unfortunate to have 3 people at an Indoor training weekend on the same day and thus failed to again win the Cup we had so many times in the past. Our request to the Welsh Hockey Association that they be released was ignored. It is pleasant to report that by 1984 the W.H.A. hope to have so re-arranged training weekends that they will no longer clash with League or Cup games.

Finally, I should thank the Umpires, from this and other Clubs, for their efforts, the Misses Bland for providing the after-match glamour and Jack for pouring the after-match liquid sustenance.

R. R. WILDBLOOD

### 2nd XI Report

Results	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
	28	9	7	12	50	52
2nd XI Cup	4	4	0	0	6	2
	32	13	7	12	56	54

#### Goal Scorers

G. S. Kaler	12	P. McLean	2
P. Rees	8	C. Brown	2
P. Kelvin-Smith	5	C. Grafton	2
D. Sobey	5	T. Jones	2
R. McKerlich	3	M. Clode	1
S. Morgan	3	B. Brook	1
D. Lamb	3	D. Bryson	1
S. Sharma	2	D. Young	1
J. Matharu	2	A. Rhys-Jones	1



It has been generally a lean year for the Club on the playing field. Many theories are put forward explaining our overall lack of success but everyone agrees that the major reason is that we lose too many players to outdoor and indoor representative calls. Playing league matches and good opposition with normally about six of our best players missing cannot give us the results we want. Also it becomes impossible to get a settled side which usually is the key to success. Anyone who has got the solution to this problem please let your ideas be known to next year's Committee.

We proved that we have got the players in the Club to bring us success by winning the 2nd XI Cup—since on Sundays we could turn out our full strength team without having to lose any players to the 1st team. P. Kelvin-Smith back after a long lay off scored the winning goal in the final, where we had good touch-line support from Club members.

The regulars who turned in sound performances week in, week out, for the 2nds were B. Hunt, C. Brown, R. Bleach, D. Sobey, R. McKerlich and M. Glode (when available). Mention must also be made of the others like P. Rees, D. Bryson, B. Brook, D. Kaler and S. Morgan, who with a little more thought and effort in their game can make the 2nd XI grade. Terry Jones also turned in some performances when he became available towards the end of the season and I wish him a successful and happy forthcoming season as the newly elected Captain.

For some reason the pitches this year have been in the worst ever state since we moved across from the Arms Park. Let us hope that the ground staff bring them back to their normal high standard.

Finally, my thanks are due to all those who gave up their Saturday and Sunday afternoon to umpire our games and Misses Bland for providing teas every Saturday.

G. S. KALER

### 3rd XI Report

This was an uneventful season for the 3rd XI. Both Gary Williams, who left the area in the middle of the season and thus had to resign as Captain, and I, found it difficult to keep even a nucleus of the side. It was not surprising, therefore, that the results were not as good as they had been in past seasons despite the efforts of most of those who played and the team spirit engendered by Gary and which I tried to maintain. One notable event—it was noted by at least one person anyway, was the 100th goal scored by Tony Rhys-Jones for the Club.

We could only finish in fourth place in the 3rd XI league, our best result being, surprisingly, a 2-2 draw against a strong Llandaff City team. In matches against West Country sides we also had few good results. We were hammered 1-9 by Marlborough and lost both games against Bristol 0-3. We did, however, beat a strong West Gloucester side 3-2.

The real weaknesses which have been increasingly imposed on the 3rd XI in recent years were demonstrated more than ever in this season. Far too few good players have come down from the 1st and 2nd XIs to contribute their skill and experience to the 3rd XI. The lack of adequate training has meant that young players have not been helped as

much as they should have been, although in the second half of the season the ruined Astroturf pitch put an end to the training that had been organised. I hope that next season will bring a considerable improvement; there are rumours that the 1st XI will be stronger, and Club training is to be organised by Terry Jones, a qualified coach. I hope that the whole Club, and the 3rd XI in particular, will be stronger next season and that the 3rd XI's results will be considerably improved.

M. R. GREENWOOD

### 4th XI Report

Like everybody else the team was affected by the floods and poor weather in the middle of the season. Generally the side was not particularly successful and it was always a struggle to get a side together. We had a number of good games and were given a fine lesson on how the game should be played by West Gloucester. A number of promising schoolboys started with the side and were promoted to higher sides later in the season. I should like to thank all who turned out regularly for the 4th team and hope that next season we will find a winning blend of geriatric and youth to give us a winning streak next season.

A. D. PARSONS

### 5th XI Report

The considerable difficulties that we experienced in rounding up enough players for a game each week were not translated into results. At this level, however, the result is not the be-all and end-all of each match. It is, of course, much more pleasant to win than to lose and the beer tastes better after a victory than a defeat, but most important is to enjoy the match and this we all did. Some students from Glam Poly played for us this season, but even their energetic enthusiasm was shown up by the occasional burst down the wing by Mervyn Griffiths. Unfortunately I shall not be with the Club next season but I would like to say that I have enjoyed the time I have spent in Cardiff and to wish the 5th XI the best of luck for next season.

D. YOUNG



# CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

## Records of Past Seasons

Season	Captain	Played	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Ag't
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. BROWN	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. O. ROCH	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. COCKS	42	27	6	9	96	46
1971-72	J. COCKS	33	13	9	10	66	46
1972-73	J. COCKS	31	15	7	9	57	47
1973-74	H. M. O. GIDDY	26	17	5	4	67	24
1974-75	P. HORSFIELD	27	13	5	9	51	36
1975-76	P. HORSFIELD	33	15	8	10	73	44
1976-77	R. C. MCKERLICH	28	15	3	10	40	21
1977-78	R. R. WILDBLOOD	27	16	2	9	50	29
1978-79	R. B. WILLIAMS	23	13	2	8	39	30
1979-80	R. R. WILDBLOOD	27	11	5	10	46	33

\* Records not available.

# CARDIFF ATHLETIC GOLFING SOCIETY

Following upon a most successful opening to the 1979 season at Llanishen Golf Club, Captain's Day was held at Cardiff Golf Club on Thursday, 31st May. Members of the Society are always delighted to be given the opportunity to play at Cardiff and this Meeting was no exception, particularly as our delight was made all the more agreeable inasmuch as Alun Priddy, Captain Cardiff Golf Club is also a Committee Member of the Society. The Meeting was further enhanced when Mr. Les Spence, Chairman Cardiff Athletic Club kindly accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Member of the Society. The main event of the day was a Singles Stableford Competition for the Rhys T. Gabe Cup. The winner was Mike Purcell Jones with a score of 36 points. Ralph Goode and Peter Owen were runners-up on 34 points. Ralph Goode was awarded the prize by virtue of a better last nine holes. Both Les Spence and Alun Priddy were our guests for supper.

Glamorgan Golf Club was the venue of the Summer Meeting— a Four Ball B/B Stableford Competition on Thursday, 26th July. A hint of sadness tinged the day with the realisation that this was the first time the Hubert Johnson Trophy was being played for since the death of its founder. Justifiably it seemed, the day was perfect for golf with a warm sun lending enchantment to this delightful course. The condition of the course was reflected in the very high scores returned. Brian Joseph, a Past Captain of Glamorganshire and his guest, Peter Pryce, won with a score of 47 points. Only once before has such a high score been achieved at Society Meetings and that was at Radyr in 1971. There were three scores of 43 points as runners-up; Mike Purcell Jones and his guest Chris McKenzie, Haydn Wilkins and guest Jim Younger and David Herbert in partnership with Tony Davies. Mike Purcell Jones and Chris McKenzie had the best score on the last nine holes and were awarded the prize. We were particularly pleased to have among our guests for supper, Mr. Les Spence and Mr. Len Oxford, Captain Glamorganshire Golf Club.

The Autumn Meeting at Whitchurch Golf Club goes from strength to strength. This year, I am sure, the success was due in no small measure to the popularity of our Captain, John Hailes, who is a member of Whitchurch. The Competition was a Singles Stableford for the Gwyn Nicholl Rose Bowl, played on Thursday, 4th October. Mike Purcell Jones repeated his win at the previous meeting at Cardiff but this time, with a slightly better score of 37 points. A tied score for the best guest was achieved by Dick Cremer and Ian Brice. All three are members of Whitchurch. A Bogey "2s" competition was run by Eddie Clark, professional at Whitchurch. The winners were John Sanders (2 x 2s), John Oxenham and Jim Younger. It is pleasing to record that Haydn Wilkins, a member of the Society, attended the supper as our guest in his first official function as the newly appointed Chairman, Cardiff Athletic Club. This day, 4th October, 1979, will be remembered as a special day in the history of the Society for it was the day the Society Flag was raised for the first time and no more appropriately by the Society Captain at his own Club. Another first for the Captain at this Meeting was the introduction of Society Pullovers.



Our thoughts and feelings on the death of Hubert Johnson were recorded in last year's report and it is mentioned here in passing to record our thanks to Mr. Les Spence for graciously accepting the invitation to become our President. Every Member of the Society is immensely proud to have him associated with our activities and thankful for the wisdom and guidance he will be able to offer.

The Annual Dinner was a most splendid affair held, as always, in the Top Lounge of the Athletic Club on the last Friday in January. Our guests of honour were Mr. M. D. G. Roberts, J.P., Chairman Welsh Golf Union and Mr. David Hayward, former Captain Cardiff R.F.C. and Welsh International. Mr. Roberts proposed the Toast to the Society and Mr. Hayward responded to the Toast to the guests. We were particularly indebted to David Hayward, for his journey was a long one requiring an overnight stay. He was, characteristically, uncomplaining and enlivened the proceedings somewhat with his response to the Toast to the guests, brilliantly proposed by the Society Vice Captain, Colin Howe. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Trophies by our President, Mr. Les Spence, introduced by the Captain, John Hailes. Once again our thanks go to Mrs. Gaynor Parsons and her staff for the most excellent catering arrangements.

The Annual General Meeting was held in February 1980. Colin Howe was nominated and duly elected as Captain of the Society for 1980. His nomination of Keith Allen as Vice Captain was also approved.

The Spring Meeting of 1980 and the first under the Captaincy of Colin Howe was held at Llanishen Golf Club on Thursday, 24th April 1980. Another marvellous Meeting which measured up well to the highest standard of Llanishen. The weather could have been more kind but, at least, it didn't rain. Fifty-two competitors played in a Four Ball B/B Stableford for the C.R.F.C. Centenary Trophy. The winners were John Herbert and Albert Francis with a score of 46 points. In close attendance as runners-up were Peter Gatehouse and John Duncan with 45 points. We were privileged to have as our guests our President and Mr. Jack Lewis, Captain Llanishen Golf Club. The evening was rounded off with a presentation of a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Power, Stewardess at Llanishen, whose last function this was before retirement. The presentation was made by Jake Morgan on behalf of all Members of the Society.

On a sad note I have to record the death of one of the founders of the Society, Arthur Evans. He was the first Captain and the first Hon. Secretary. Although his business activities took him away from the Society, I am sure that the Society was always as close and dear to him as we, the Members felt he was to us. In many ways a remarkable man. Another shock for Members was the sudden death of Clive Bolter. A most popular Member of the Society for many years, he will be sadly missed by all his friends, none more so than those of the Llanishen Golf Club in whose affairs Clive had been a most active participant.

Three further Golf Meetings will take place in 1980 at Cardiff, Glamorganshire and Whitchurch Golf Clubs.

ELFED DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary*

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Choir is now in its 15th year and still going strong. Once again we provided entertainment for hundreds of handicapped persons, O.A.P.'s and various charities. We sang with a combined Association Choir at Oystermouth Castle for the Ryan Davies Memorial Fund and afterwards had a wonderful evening at the Swansea Leisure Centre. Another memorable Concert was the one we gave at the Colston Hall, Bristol, during the Wine Festival. There were about ten South Wales choirs taking part, and it was so successful that the authorities are hoping to make it an annual event.

We are now busy preparing for the massed choir event at the Arms Park during the opening of the Welsh Rugby Union's Centenary Celebrations when 50 choirs will be performing. Also we have a combined Cardiff Chours concert in the City Hall for the Lord Mayor and our third visit to the 1,000 Voice Festival at the Royal Albert Hall in October, plus our own local engagements.

So if there are any potential choristers among the members reading this report why not come along and join us at our practices in the Top Lounge at the Club on any Monday throughout the year at 7.30 p.m. You will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

R. REES



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