

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



AGENDA

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MINUTES

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ANNUAL REPORT

For the years ended 31st May 2020 and 31st May 2021

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CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



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THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF
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R. WILLIAMS *

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G. STONE
K.J.W MORGAN *
M JOHN *

Management Committee

Chairman
K.J.W. MORGAN

Vice Chairman: J. ALLAN

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

J. ALLAN	D.R.J. HERBERT
C. SUTTON	S. DOWN
S. DARWENT	C. BOLTON
C. DAVIES	J.H. WILLIAMS
L. HAZELL	C. NORMAN
C. DAVIES	J. REES

Co-opted Members:

C. NOTT

Of the above, each elected Member holds office for two years and the co-opted Members hold office for one year.

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CARDIFF ARMS PARK
CARDIFF
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Date as Postmark

Dear Sir or Madam,

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on 24th November 2021 commencing at 7.00pm. Your Cardiff Athletic Club current membership card must be shown in order to gain entry to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. To read the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. To approve and, if correct, sign the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 27th November 2019
4. To receive the Annual Report.
5. To receive the Annual Statement of Accounts - for 31-05-2020
* Due to Covid, accounts 31.05.21 will be delayed.
6. To elect the President.
7. To elect Vice Presidents.
8. To appoint Auditors.

9. To confirm election of Members to the Management Committee. As a result of the 2020 Pandemic, no elections were held in 2020. The election for 2020 candidates will be for one year. The Election for the 2021 candidates will be for 2 years. The Members nominated for election to the Management Committee are as follows:-

SECTION	2020 - 1 Year	2021 - 2 Years
BOWLS	C Barratt	L Hazel
CRICKET	E Meggit	DRJ Herbert
HOCKEY	C Sutton	S Darwent
TENNIS	C Bolton	J Allan
RUGBY	C Davies	C Collins
		S Down
		M Wakeman

10. To transact such other business as shall be allowed by the Chairman as fairly arising out of the agenda.

It would facilitate the smooth running of the meeting if questions regarding the accounts or requiring detailed answers could be communicated to the Chairman by 16th November 2021

Yours faithfully,

KJW MORGAN
CHAIRMAN

**Minutes of the Cardiff Athletic Club AGM held on Wednesday
27th November 2019 commencing at 7pm.
Present: List held separately**

1. Notice of Meeting

Keith Morgan welcomed the members to the AGM and read the notice of Annual General meeting.

2. Apologies

Chris Sutton	Chris Barratt	John Huw Williams
Mervyn Warfield	Simon Down	Paul Brewer
Stephen Grant	Viv Jones	Stephen Parker

3. Approval of the minutes of the last General meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2018

Proposed – Richard Cottell
Seconded – Ray Smith

4. To receive the Annual Report

The meeting was happy to approve the minutes as written as a fair account.

5. The receive the Annual Statement of Accounts

Proposed – Marc Wakeham
Seconded – Michael Donovan

7. To elect the President

It was noted that Mervyn Warfield still had another year to run in his Presidency

8. To Elect the Vice Presidents

Proposed – Alun Priday
Seconded – Richard Cottell

9. To Appoint the Auditors

Proposed - Keith Morgan
Seconded – Clive Davies

10. To confirm the election of members to the Management Committee

The meeting confirmed that they were happy with the proposed members to be appointed

Bowls Section:	L Hazel
Cricket Section:	DRJ Herbert
Hockey Section:	S Darwent
Tennis Section:	J Allan
Rugby Section:	C Norman S Down

11. To transact any other business

Written Question from Paul Brewer.

Another year has passed since I last asked this question; I would again like to know if CAC is any nearer to agreeing new a lease with Cardiff Blues PLC.

Keith Morgan – We are not disagreeing with them having a new lease & we are not really sure what kind of lease we can negotiate with them at the moment. We are in negotiations with Cardiff Council, the WRU, Cardiff Blues & a company of developers discussing what we are going to do. Other than developing the stands, we need to look at ancillary developments to give us some money. There has also been a recent development with the CVC money that will be coming to clubs. But we do not know how or when, or how much they will be getting. They have been clear that the CVC budget is not to boost your playing budget, but it is to boost your facilities. We are working closely with Cardiff Blues. We met last week with Cardiff Blues, Richard Holland, Alun Jones and theirs and our property advisers. We have another meeting in early December, and we are looking to appoint a developer to look at what we can do. We are trying to do as much as we can without involving massive costs. The next stage will be to go to the council, to see what they would like.

The situation is that they have 2 years and 2 months left on the lease, but if we granted them a lease in the state the ground is in at the moment, without the bars and hospitality being up to date, we would not get the £135k that we are getting at the moment. It is worth pointing out here that its been quoted that the training facility at the Vale was costing the £1.7 million per annum, they are now training here with their gym and everything else, so I think that they are getting a bargain here at the moment for what they pay. A new lease will not be for £135k pa.

In the Blues newsletter, that was sent yesterday in the last paragraph, we did not appreciate the Blues telling supporters to have a go at us today to stress the urgency of getting a new lease. I was particularly annoyed that having sat in a meeting with them, discussing the lease in conjunction with improving the facilities. If we produce a new facility and we are funding it, then there is no way that they are getting a lease. We have had a wish list from them, so we know exactly what sort of facility that they are looking for. We have spent a huge amount of time working to get this stage, and we have not reported anything, because until we have something concrete to report there is no point.

Richard Hudson – Are they still behind with the rent?

Keith Morgan – No they are not. They have paid up until Christmas Day. As was widely publicised, back in July we issued the Blues with a 21 day notice to instigate winding up proceedings. They were very upset that it became public, and that we were prepared to sue them. I referred them back to our last AGM where we said that we would give them until the end of May, as it was they had until July. They finally issued us with payment with 5 days to go for £178k. Regarding the interest on the debt. They asked us if we would write it off, and we have refused. The interest remains on their account, and if they were to fall into arrears again, then the interest becomes payable. In addition to this they paid £18k in advance, and then £20k about a week after the rent was due.

Written Question from Paul Brewer part 2

In this year's Minutes, Chris Nott states, 'We want the right to start redevelopment now'. In the light of poor attendances at both Premiership and Regional fixtures would refurbishment be more appropriate (financial) option than redevelopment?

Keith Morgan – We do not think that this is the case. We can certainly make it a far better match day experience. We are at the moment, just making do with what we have. Now we have lost the use of another bar. The idea is not to knock this ground down, and build a whole new stadium, but we need to look at the North stand and using the space that we have there. We are working with the Bowls section to find them a new facility, which will free up a significant amount of space behind the stand. If we are able to sell a lease for part of that land then that will generate the income that we need to improve the North Stand and the Clubhouse. There is also the issue of the South Stand roof that leaks. We are hopeful that some of the CVC money will be available.

Written question from Stephen Grant

How does the membership income total break down between the relevant sections? For clarity, I mean how much is generated respectively from memberships paid by members of the Bowls, Cricket, Hockey and Tennis sections? I understand that the Rugby Section element goes direct to Cardiff Blues Ltd as part of the ground lease arrangements.

What, consequently, are the membership numbers for each section, including the Rugby section.

Keith Morgan – All of the rugby section money goes to Cardiff Blues Membership

Section	No of Members	£
Bowls	56	3092
Cricket	188	8118
Tennis	186	17252
Hockey	172	15618
Rugby	619	
	1221	44080

Written Question from Tony Nash

How many members does Cardiff Athletic Club have and how many are there in each section?

The Expenditure is shown against each Section (Cricket, Tennis, Bowls, Hockey but the same approach is not maintained for Income - so what are the Membership Income figures for each section?

Rental of Cardiff Arms Park - the figures for 2018 and 2019 are identical but it is assumed the rental is increasing each year so should the 2019 figure be higher or did Cardiff Blues pay exactly the same amount in cash in both years leaving any existing debt at broadly the same level?

The Committee previously gave a commitment to members at the 2017 AGM to publish the minutes of its committee meetings (redacted where required) but none have been published so far. When will that commitment be honoured?

Keith Morgan – The first part I have just answered as it is the same as the previous question.

Under the terms of the lease, the rent is revised every 5 years. The last increase was 3 years ago. The next review is when the lease is up.

We will produce some edited minutes to keep you up to date and get these published. In addition I have produced 2 newsletters, the first one was to say that we are discussing things but there is nothing to report. The second one was to update you on the outstanding debt. You have my report in your AGM booklet, and I will produce another in March, unless something urgent arises.

Ray Smith – What capacity ground are you aiming for?

Keith Morgan – The actual capacity of the ground as it stands if the ground was in good order is 12 and a half to 13 thousand. If we look at Parc y Scarletts, they have a 15k capacity ground, and every game one or two of the stands remain empty. We would be looking at something 12 and a half to 14 thousand people.

Ray Smith – so the money that you will spend will be to update and improve the facilities of the ground, rather than increasing capacity.

Keith Morgan – Its more important to have a ground that is appealing and we can fill because the facilities are better. There are problems in the ground that have some serious problems. The Athletic Club are anxious to get on with the redevelopment as this ground is now very tired. This Clubhouse for example is 50 years old and in need of many improvements. If we could raise enough money through the various schemes, we could knock this down and build a new bigger clubhouse, which would alleviate the issue of the members bar being crowded, and not having a public bar for visitors.

Ray Smith – The WRU who own Newport, are reported to have increased their rental to over £1000 a game

Tony Esposti – Do the RFC pay any game day fees at the moment?

Keith Morgan – It is all part of the existing lease. When the RFC play at home CAC does not receive any of the ticket money, bar takings or any of the car parking. It all goes to the Blues. It is not a coincidence that we are top of the table. We also get from the Blues help with the coaching, and that is also helping the Blues because the boys are learning how to be coaches, and I am sure they are coaches of the future. It's a reciprocal arrangement. All CAC gets is a pittance of a rent. If you think that the car parking is about £450k per annum, plus the bar and everything else, and they only pay us £130K rent per annum, and put money towards the RFC. So people that say money that is being spent on the RFC is being wasted, I would say that is nonsense, because if we restructure the lease to say for example we would have 40% of the car parking, plus all the match day income and the money from the WRU and you don't have to pay us a penny. So the RFC is not draining the Blues.

Richard Hudson – Is the CVC money from the English company that subsidises the English Clubs? Someone has told me that the money that would be coming to Wales would not come directly to the clubs directly, but it would go to the WRU who would decide where the money goes.

Keith Morgan – The WRU negotiated the CVC. The English clubs negotiated their CVC so they get the money directly and the English Rugby union have no say in what they do with it. The money is not meant to buy players, it is meant to improve the facilities. I understand that there will be 2 tranches to Welsh rugby. One is an allocation to go between the 14, Pro 14 teams. But there is a problem between the French and Italian teams because the grant is not taxable in the UK, but is taxable in France and Italy. The money is to improve facilities and to improve profit making opportunities. Potentially building a new stand with bars, hospitality and retail units would form part of that. We hope that we will be able to secure some CVC money to help us develop the ground.

Richard Hudson – Looking at the quality of the rugby that is being played by the Blues and Cardiff RFC is there anything the Athletic Club can do to increase the crowds as they are not very big.

Keith Morgan – This ties in with what we said earlier – If we make the facilities better, improve the bars and somewhere to have a meal, it will improve the match day experience. There are clubs who are in a far worse financial position than us who give you a much better match day experience. It is not coincidental that they have filled a coach to Llandovery to support the team, because we know that when we get there we will have a great welcome, and the hospitality is fantastic. So it is tied in with what we are trying to do.

David Allen – back in the AGM in February, I tabled 2 proposals which were about heritage and retention of Cardiff in the names of the teams that play in this ground. I was told that we could not table a proposal as it was not submitted prior

to the meeting. Having read the rules, it seems you can.

I would like to make the following proposals:

1. The terms of any future lease, licence or other arrangement concerning Cardiff Arms Park shall contain a provision requiring any professional/semi-professional rugby side whose home ground is Cardiff Arms Park to retain 'Cardiff' in its name. This obligation shall continue for the full term of the lease/arrangement.
2. The terms of any future lease, licence or other arrangement concerning Cardiff Arms Park shall contain a requirement that the ground continues to be named as 'Cardiff Arms Park'.

This obligation shall continue for the full term of the lease/arrangement but shall be subject to secondary naming rights.

I have complete faith in the committee in terms of protecting the heritage of the club, but I think that it would be good if there was a record for the AGM to see what members think about this.

Brian Bennett – The naming of teams is subject to the agreement of the WRU. Any proposal agreed at this gathering could be circumvented by the WRU. It's a difficult one to put into a lease. You would need to seek legal advice.

Keith Morgan – It is certainly something from our side that we would like to include as we have done in all previous negotiations with the Blues. In our last lease negotiation where they were going to give us £8 million, but that figure was misrepresented, it was included in the terms of that lease that Cardiff had to remain in the name, and the had to stay at the Arms Park and play here, and similarly the second point about the name Cardiff Arms Park was included in the agreement that we were drawing up with them. It was embodied in the heads of terms agreement that had been drawn up.

David Allen – Brian's point is a valid point, but I feel if we put it down as mandatory in all negotiations.

Brian Bennett – to be clear, I am not against the proposal, I am in full favour of it. I am just highlighting that there could be repercussions.

Tony Esposti – The Blues are franchises of the WRU?

Keith Morgan – The franchise is granted by the WRU, but I am sure that the Blues could call themselves what they like.

Tony Esposti – Just to be clear, if the WRU do not own Cardiff Blues Limited, then to say that could have any say over what they are called is probably a misnomer.

Keith Morgan – That should be correct, but I would not underestimate the power of the WRU.

Tony Esposti – If it is legally in a contract that that is what they have to be called, that they would have to stick to that.

Keith Morgan – remember 18 months ago they were going to transfer the business over to the WRU, it was only because of strong objections of the Athletic Club at that time. We had a meeting with Richard Holland, Peter Thomas and Martyn Ryan, that we said that if you want an agreement for this ground, there is no chance of us dealing with the WRU. They left the room for 10 minutes and when they returned and they had decided that they were not going to sell to the WRU.

Tony Esposti – It's the terminology that needs to be right they are not franchises, in that they are not owned by the WRU at this present moment when we are voting on this amendment that will be included in any future lease conversations that you have.

Keith Morgan – It is quite straight forward, we just need to say that if you want to play at Cardiff Arms Park, then Cardiff is in the team with the approval of the WRU if not in conjunction with the WRU. Cardiff Arms Park cannot be taken away from the name, it is one of the most famous stadiums in the world and it will always be Cardiff Arms Park. We would not give away one of our biggest heritage points which is the name Cardiff Arms Park.

David Allen – The reason for putting forward this proposal, if because there is a bit of a myth that these conditions already exist and I am not sure that they do.

Keith Morgan – So to be clear, the first proposal is that while the team play here, they would need to have the Name Cardiff in it, and that will be in our proposals going forward as a red line – is the meeting in favour of that motion

There was a consensus from the room in favour of this proposal.

Ray Smith – Are we talking about the team or the ground?

Keith Morgan – both, that is the point of the second part of the proposal.

Brian Bennett – I have read that the Welsh Womens rugby team, were calling Cardiff Arms Park their home ground with the permission of the Blues, not if they are playing here, then this proposition has to exclude international teams. I am fully in agreement of Cardiff Blues and Cardiff RFC, I am just trying to point out the wider implications.

Keith Morgan – The Welsh Ladies team do not have a lease with Cardiff Athletic Club.

Brian Bennett – I appreciate that but it needs to be considered.

Keith Morgan – This does need to be looked at as we were certainly never asked for permission for them to play here and call it their home ground.

Mervyn John – We do not know what is going to happen in the future, it could become a franchise and they might take themselves away from here , and then we would look to rent our ground so someone else. If there was a problem with Bristol or Worcester and they needed to lease our ground for a year

David Allen – All we are trying to do is to create some basis for discussion, which protects the things that we think are important.

Mervyn John – I fully agree and I love Cardiff and Cardiff Arms park, and they should always refer to it as that as it sells the place.

David Allen – I think Brian's point about the women's team, is just a case of tweaking the wording to accommodate that scenario. The terms of any future lease, licence or other arrangement concerning Cardiff Arms Park shall contain a provision requiring any professional/semi-professional rugby side whose home ground is Cardiff Arms Park to retain 'Cardiff' in its name. This obligation shall continue for the full term of the lease/arrangement. Overwhelming consensus from the meeting, Item 2 . The terms of any future lease, licence or other arrangement concerning Cardiff Arms Park shall contain a requirement that the ground continues to be named as 'Cardiff Arms Park'.

Overwhelming consensus from the meeting,

Gareth Moore – Newport RFC played here last year when they had clashes with the football, would it be controversial to offer them to play here?

Keith Morgan - The issue there would be when would they play, bearing in mind we play on Friday nights and the Blues are on a Saturday. It is a major point of contention that we are forced to play on a Friday, it would be better for us to play at 2pm on a Saturday if they are kicking off at 8pm on a Saturday.

Richard Hudson – There was an item in the Echo the other day that Gatland suggested that the Ospreys merged with the Scarlets, the Dragons take over Pontypridd and the Valleys, the could be a big team in North Wales, and Cardiff as the capital city would be stand alone. Is this just Gatland or is there any credentials to this?

Keith Morgan – I guess it's a wish list. I have not heard anything about it and nothing has been brought up during the negotiations. I do not think that Cardiff would object to standing alone, but it is not for me to say. I have not heard anything apart from the same article that you read.

With no further questions The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their continued support.

**Cardiff Athletic Club – Chairman’s Report
for the year’s ending 31st May 2021**

I start my report by extending sincere condolences to the families and loved ones who have passed in the last two years in this dreadful pandemic.

It has been a very strange period but it has been encouraging to see that most of the sections of CAC have been able to engage in some sporting activities in between periods of lockdown.

I was particularly disappointed for the Rugby Section who were unable to complete their 2020 season when on such a strong position in league and cup but I am sure they will come back just as strong in future seasons.

It has been an interesting time regarding the state of facilities at CAP and the Clubhouse is now looking much more welcoming courtesy of the refurbishment after the disastrous flood early in 2021.

Cardiff Athletic Club Management Committee have set up a development committee to look into ways of developing the ground and facilities and a number of exciting projects are being considered.

There have also been extensive discussions with Cardiff Rugby regarding an extension of the existing lease and it is anticipated that all will be resolved before the expiry of the existing lease.

Abbie has been furloughed for a large part of the period covered by this report but continues to be a huge support for the day to day running of the Club and she will return when furlough ends.

Jason and his staff have worked miracles during the periods they were allowed to open and they created a very safe environment for those of us who were able to attend the club.

I thank all members of the Management Committee for their advice and support throughout the last two years and also congratulate the Committee of all the sections for their diligence and creativity to enable some form of sport to take place.

Let us hope that we can look forward to some kind of normality returning and I hope you and your families remain safe and well.

Keith Morgan
Chairman

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MAY 2020

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

**INDEPENDENT REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS
OF CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cardiff Athletic Club for the year ended 31 May 2020 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the club's affairs as at 31 May 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the club in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the committee of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the committee of management has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the club's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

INDEPENDENT REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS
OF CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Responsibilities of the committee of management

As explained more fully in the committee of management's responsibilities statement set out on page 11, the committee of management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the committee of management is responsible for assessing the club's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee of management either intends to liquidate the club or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the club's members, as a body, in accordance with the rules of the club. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the club's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the club and the club's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Watts Gregory LLP

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Date: 13 July 2021

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Income			
Membership income		45,550	44,080
Interest receivable		2,690	3,949
Rental of Cardiff Arms Park		128,468	128,468
Other income	3	7,466	18,604
Grant income		20,000	-
		<u>204,174</u>	<u>195,101</u>
Expenditure			
Section expenditure	4	97,153	100,325
Insurance & professional charges	5	6,498	6,252
Stationery, telephone & sundries		7,189	7,374
Depreciation		38,477	32,032
Bank charges		75	30
		<u>149,392</u>	<u>146,013</u>
Surplus for the year before taxation		<u>54,782</u>	<u>49,088</u>
Taxation	6	22,979	23,581
Surplus for the year after taxation	15	<u>31,803</u> =====	<u>25,507</u> =====

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2020

		2020		2019	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Land and buildings - freehold	7	2,524,748		2,552,933	
Land and buildings – leasehold	7	499,700		505,720	
Other fixed assets	8	2,859		7,131	
			3,027,307		3,065,784
Investments					
	9		98,200		98,200
Current assets					
Debtors	10	107,665		164,441	
Bank and cash	11	596,598		443,575	
		704,263		608,016	
Current liabilities					
Creditors – due less than 1 year	12	145,695		114,628	
Net current assets					
			558,568		493,388
Total assets less current liabilities					
			3,684,075		3,657,372
Deferred credit –					
Grant funding for Lisvane Tennis Courts	13	56,629		56,629	
Loans	14	28,173		33,273	
		84,802		89,902	
		3,599,273		3,567,470	
Total funds					
Accumulated fund	15	3,563,273		3,540,470	
Sinking fund	16	36,000		27,000	
		3,599,273		3,567,470	

The financial statements were approved by the Management Committee on 12 July 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

K. Morgan

K Morgan
Chairman

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

1. Statutory information

Cardiff Athletic Club is governed by the Club Rules. The Club operates from Cardiff Arms Park, Westgate Street, Cardiff, CF10 1JA.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the Club and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland". The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets. There have been no material departures from Financial Reporting Standard 102 1A.

Income

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Fixed assets

Freehold land and buildings, and other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation where applicable.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets are held principally for their contribution to historic knowledge and culture. Assets are measured initially at either their cost, or valuation if donated, subject to any depreciation or impairment. Where information on cost or valuation is not available and can not be obtained at a cost commensurate with the benefit to the users the assets are not recognised.

Expenditure incurred to preserve or prevent further deterioration of the collection is recognised as it is incurred.

Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through profit or loss if the investments are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following rates:

Straight line basis on fixtures / ground equipment, office furniture / equipment, tennis court / equipment at a rate of 25% per annum.

Straight line basis over the term of the lease in respect of land and buildings – leasehold.

Cardiff Arms Park is let under a full repairing lease and has to be maintained in accordance with Sports Ground Legislation, such that the value does not diminish over time. The Management Committee are of the opinion that the market value of the land is greater than the value at which the land and buildings appear in the accounts. As a result, the corresponding depreciation would not be material and therefore is not charged in the Income and Expenditure Account.

The Freehold Property at Lisvane is newly built and depreciation would be immaterial. The tennis courts are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful life of 7 years.

The Management Committee perform an annual impairment review in accordance with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" to ensure that the recoverable amount is not lower than the carrying value.

Current tax

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Current tax liabilities are not discounted.

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Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Grants received

Grant received in respect of capital expenditure are treated as deferred income and are credited to the profit and loss account over the useful life of the asset to which they relate to.

Loans

Cardiff Athletic Club received a loan to assist with the financing of the expansion of Lisvane Tennis Courts. This loan has no interest attached to it and is not secured. The loan is repayable in 6 monthly instalments over a 10 year period.

	2020 £	2019 £
3. Other income		
Donations and sundry income	-	2,000
Membership ticket rights transferred to revenue	15,800	15,800
International ticket postage	347	804
Insurance claims	1,383	-
Interest charges written back	(10,079)	-
Cardiff RFC sponsorship	15	-
	<u>7,466</u>	<u>18,604</u>
	=====	=====
4. Sectional expenditure		
Bowls	2,059	3,280
Cricket	35,513	45,921
Hockey	40,695	33,735
Tennis	14,228	12,894
Rugby	4,658	4,495
	<u>97,153</u>	<u>100,325</u>
	=====	=====
5. Insurance and professional charges		
Audit	3,865	3,980
Accountancy	735	1,069
Insurance	257	1,203
Legal and professional fees	1,641	-
	<u>6,498</u>	<u>6,252</u>
	=====	=====
6. Taxation		
Corporation tax charge for year	22,979	23,581
	<u>22,979</u>	<u>23,581</u>
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Taxation is due on income from non-mutual sources less an appropriate allocation of the expenditure.

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7. Fixed assets

Freehold land and buildings

	Executive Boxes £	Cardiff Arms Park Ground Development £	Club House £	Bowls Pavilion £	Lisvane Tennis Pavilion £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 June 2019	1,743,744	237,662	120,563	42,292	428,724	2,572,985
Additions in year	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,292</u>	<u>428,724</u>	<u>2,572,985</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
At 31 May 2020	1,743,744	237,662	120,563	42,292	428,724	2,572,985
	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,292</u>	<u>428,724</u>	<u>2,572,985</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Depreciation						
At 1 June 2019	-	-	-	-	20,052	20,052
Depreciation for period	-	-	-	-	28,185	28,185
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,237</u>	<u>48,237</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
At 31 May 2020	-	-	-	-	48,237	48,237
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,237</u>	<u>48,237</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Net book value						
At 1 June 2019	1,743,744	237,662	120,563	42,292	408,672	2,552,933
	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,292</u>	<u>408,672</u>	<u>2,552,933</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
At 31 May 2020	1,743,744	237,662	120,563	42,292	380,487	2,524,748
	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,292</u>	<u>380,487</u>	<u>2,524,748</u>
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Long leasehold land and buildings

	Cricket ground and pavilion £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 June 2019	517,690	517,690
	<u>517,690</u>	<u>517,690</u>
	=====	=====
At 31 May 2020	517,690	517,690
	<u>517,690</u>	<u>517,690</u>
	=====	=====
Depreciation		
At 1 June 2019	11,970	11,970
Depreciation for period	6,020	6,020
Disposals	-	-
	<u>17,990</u>	<u>17,990</u>
	=====	=====
At 31 May 2020	17,990	17,990
	<u>17,990</u>	<u>17,990</u>
	=====	=====
Net book value		
At 1 June 2019	505,720	505,720
	<u>505,720</u>	<u>505,720</u>
	=====	=====
At 31 May 2020	499,700	499,700
	<u>499,700</u>	<u>499,700</u>
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8. Other fixed assets	Cricket fixtures/ground equipment £	Office furniture/ equipment £	Tennis court/ equipment £	Bowls Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 June 2019	56,444	10,481	38,281	3,244	108,450
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2020	<u>56,444</u>	<u>10,481</u>	<u>38,281</u>	<u>3,244</u>	<u>108,450</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 June 2019	54,135	9,905	34,035	3,244	101,319
Depreciation for period	1,573	575	2,124	-	4,272
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2020	<u>55,708</u>	<u>10,480</u>	<u>36,159</u>	<u>3,244</u>	<u>105,591</u>
Net book value					
At 31 May 2019	<u>2,309</u>	<u>576</u>	<u>4,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,131</u>
At 31 May 2020	<u>736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,859</u>

9. Investments	2020 £	2019 £
At fair value		
WRU - Debenture repayable 2033	93,000	93,000
WRU - Debenture repayable 2026 (both debentures are interest free)	5,200	5,200
Heritage shares in Cardiff RFC Limited.	750,000	750,000
Provision for permanent diminution in value of Heritage shares	(750,000)	(750,000)
Ordinary shares of £1 each in Cardiff RFC Limited.	501,000	501,000
Provision for permanent diminution in value of Ordinary shares	(501,000)	(501,000)
	<u>98,200</u>	<u>98,200</u>

CARDIFF RFC Limited
 Ordinary Shares & Heritage Shares

In the opinion of the management committee the Ordinary and Heritage shares have no financial value and accordingly full provision has been made against the cost of this investment.

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	2020 £	2019 £
10. Debtors		
Cardiff Blues Limited	50,308	152,127
Other debtors & prepayments	57,357	12,314
	<u>107,665</u>	<u>164,441</u>
11. Cash		
Bank and cash balances	596,598	443,575
12. Creditors - due less than one year		
Corporation tax	22,994	23,596
VAT creditor	21,677	21,820
Other creditors and accruals	95,924	64,112
Loans	5,100	5,100
	<u>145,695</u>	<u>114,628</u>
13. Deferred credit – Grant funding for Lisvane Tennis Courts		
Sport Wales	25,000	25,000
Lawn Tennis Association	31,629	31,629
	<u>56,629</u>	<u>56,629</u>
14. Loan		
Lawn Tennis Association (1-5 years)	20,400	20,400
Lawn Tennis Association (5 years onwards)	7,773	12,873
	<u>28,173</u>	<u>33,273</u>
The above loan was received from Lawn Tennis Association to assist with the development of the Lisvane tennis courts. The loan is repayable in equal 6 monthly instalments and there is no security on the loan.		
15. Reconciliation of movement in accumulated fund		
Revenue account		
At beginning of the year	3,540,470	3,523,963
Surplus for the year	31,803	25,507
Transfer to sinking fund	(9,000)	(9,000)
Total funds carried forward	<u>3,563,273</u>	<u>3,540,470</u>

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16. Reconciliation of movement in accumulated fund

	2020 £	2019 £
Sinking fund account		
At beginning of the year	27,000	18,000
Transfer from revenue account	9,000	9,000
Total funds at 31 May 2020	<u>36,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>
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Included within reserves is a £36,000 sinking fund for the ongoing annual maintenance of the tennis courts in Lisvane. This is accordance with the grant criteria from the Lawn Tennis Association

17. Transactions with committee members

All those on the committee are members and pay subscriptions in accordance with the Club Rules. There have been no other transactions with committee members other than in the normal course of business.

18. Heritage assets

The Club holds a significant collection of rugby memorabilia which are considered to be heritage assets, held principally for their historic knowledge and culture. The Club does not consider there to be enough reliable information available to recognise heritage assets on the balance sheet and the cost of obtaining such a valuation is not considered justified. A valuation amounting to £606,000 was obtained for insurance purposes for the most significant items.

There were no additions or disposals during the year (2019 – none).

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

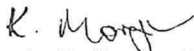
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Statement of the Management Committee's responsibilities

The club rules require the committee of management to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club and of the income and expenditure of the Club for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the committee is required to:

- i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Club will continue in business.

The committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Club and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the club rules. It has general responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Club and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



By order of the Management Committee
K Morgan
Chairman

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020

Like the majority of sports clubs our season has been completely disrupted by Covid 19 and the restrictions The Government has had to impose in order to contain the pandemic.

Normally our bowls season would begin in April and finish in September, but this year has seen the cancellation of all our leagues for both First and Second teams, as well as the Wednesday and Alliance leagues. We were barred from opening the club at all until the middle of July and even then only 12 home players were able to play at any one time. We had to impose strict measures in order to play which meant we could not use the changing rooms or the clubhouse and the number of rinks in use at any one time was reduced from 6 to 3 in order to maintain social distancing. When we were able to play again we began by opening the club for practice sessions only between our members using a booking system. This slowly encouraged our members back and we were then able to arrange an internal club tournament and friendly games against other local teams albeit on a very restricted basis. I am very grateful to Billy Gould, Howard Evans and Mike Cosslett for arranging these events.

These games provided much needed relief for our members following the long lockdown and the club were very successful losing only two games against other teams.

Our club tournaments were also cancelled this year as was our Charity event. However, my congratulations go to Dave Richards and Richard McCarthy for winning the Pairs competition arranged by Billy Gould.

Even though we were unable to play for a large part of the season, we still had to maintain the green in readiness. This meant that a small team attended throughout the lockdown and afterwards in order to cut the green and hedges, creosote the fencing and carry out maintenance on all our benches. I am very grateful to Ken Thorne, Alick Rayer, Billy Gould and Peter Christian who assisted me in getting these tasks done.

My thanks also go to all the officers and committee members who helped keep the club going in these trying times. We continued to meet as often as we could by holding our meetings outdoors so that club business could be discussed properly. Sadly, we recently lost Paul Clements. He had only been with us for two years but was well known to many of our members and our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and the family at this sad time. Alan Lewis also died recently and we will miss his involvement and generosity to the club. Our thoughts are with Alan's family.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021**

The construction of the Dragon Heart Hospital in The Principality Stadium also restricted our access to the bowls club, particularly during its construction, and I am very grateful to the manager and staff of the hotel for allowing us to use their car park for parking and access to our club.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our members who returned to play and support the club. I know that there were other members who would have wished to come but needed to shield themselves and their families. I wish you all a safe and happy winter and let us hope that next year we will be able to return to some normality.

Chris Barrett
Chairman

Our season began in April with the opening of the green by our club President, Mr Bob Williams, accompanied by his daughter Sue. We also used the occasion to present the trophies for 2018 as we had been unable to present them last year because of the pandemic. The event took place outdoors because we were still prohibited from using the clubhouse and changing rooms but the afternoon was a great success and I must thank the members for their support and Bob for presenting the trophies.

We experienced very mixed weather throughout the season and this coupled with the continued reluctance of some members to play because of covid made the job of team selection very difficult indeed. However, through the hard work of the team captains and their deputies, we managed to fulfil all of our fixtures, turning out two teams most Saturdays and teams on Wednesday for the Mid-Week League and on Tuesday for the Alliance.

We struggled early on in the Carruthers competition and in the PG1 league where we were competing against sides in Division 2 following our promotion in 2018. The team under the captaincy of Billy Gould and his deputy Alick Rayer had an extremely good finish to the season winning the last 3 games which secured our place in Division 2 for next season.

The A team with Captain Howard Evans and his Vice Captain Phil Edwards had a difficult season but they fulfilled all their fixtures, often with a reduced side. They finished around mid-table which was a very creditable performance and I congratulate them on their resilience in a rather difficult season.

The Mid Week League and the Alliance also provided some keenly contested games. The Mid Week side are to be congratulated on achieving second place in the league, only losing out to the eventual winners in the last two games. I am indebted to Billy Gould, Phil Edwards, Terry Ewington and Mike Cosslett for their captaincy of these teams.

The annual bowls trip to Torquay and Glastonbury arranged by Peter Christian and Ray his wife, with support from Alick Rayer and Peter Cross was a great success. Our own team was augmented by some players from Cardiff Bowls Club. The weather was reasonably kind to us and the friendship and hospitality provided by the two clubs we played was very good. Peter Christian has already begun the arrangements for next year and I am sure it will be equally as successful as this year.

Sadly this year we lost Bob's wife Jean. She was a lovely lady who often accompanied Bob to the club and on the bowls tours. We also lost John Webber after a long illness. It was so sad not to be able to attend their funerals because of the covid restrictions but our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

We were able to play our club tournaments again this year after the cancellation last season. Peter Christian took on the mantle of Tournament Organiser and stuck manfully to his task

in spite of the reluctance of competitors to complete the various rounds on time. Next year we will adopt a far more disciplined and rigorous approach to ensure each round is completed on time.

Congratulations to Peter Christian on becoming Club Champion for the second year. Congratulations also to all the other singles and pairs competition winners and commiserations to the runners up. The finals were played over three days and were well attended and the spectators enjoyed the competitive but friendly spirit between the bowlers.

The semi-finals and finals of the South Glamorgan County Championship were also held at our club this year and we received a very complimentary thank you from Paul Mitchell, the organiser, for our assistance in making these a great success. I must also thank Ray Bridges and Peter Christian for helping me to man the bar during the games.

Alick Rayer and Billy Gould also arranged special days for the Scottish Under 21s rugby players and past rugby players of Cardiff RFC to play bowls at our club. They too enjoyed themselves immensely and who knows we may attract some new recruits to bowls.

We are planning a recruitment drive to attract new players to the club for the coming 2022 season because we are an ageing population and need fresh blood to carry us forward.

I would like to place on record my appreciation to the officers and Committee Members for their invaluable support throughout a busy year for the club. Again, I have to say that without their work the club would not function. My compliments go to Peter Christian for his efforts as Treasurer, to Kevin Bush for his work as Fixture Secretary, Phil Edwards and Les Hazell as Secretaries and to John Stephens for managing the club website.

The club members also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Alick Rayer, Ken Thorne, Billy Gould, Peter Christian and myself, for maintaining the green and its surrounds and for oversight of the ground maintenance contract. My thanks also go to Ray Bridges and Peter Christian for assisting me in running the bar.

To those of you who joined the working parties, it was a great help and showed that we have one of the best greens in the league.

Finally, I hope you all winter well and have a safe and happy Christmas with your families and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Chris Barrett
Chairman

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/21

Like every other sport, cricket has witnessed many challenges in the last two seasons due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Thankfully, due to it being an outdoor summer sport, it has faced less disruption than most others, having an adapted skeleton season in 2020, and a full schedule of fixtures in 2021.

The club continues to thrive, seeing increased numbers at every level from juniors upwards, and investment continues to focus on the facilities and the development of the club as a whole.

In the summer of 2020 we were devastated at the news of Emma Goad's passing. Emma had recently joined our committee and had already made a significant impact. She always had a smile on her face, and wanted to help wherever she could. We miss her greatly, and our best wishes and support go to her husband Will, and her two boys, Ollie and Barnaby.

On the cricketing front, the 1st XI is led by Greg Holmes, who has now captained the club for 7 years, and is widely regarded as one of the best players in the South Wales Premier League. A young side, the club is mostly composed of players who have come through the club's junior system and has an average age of just over 20. With age, comes wisdom, and this current side will no doubt improve over the next few years to become a force in South Wales Cricket. There is an appetite to succeed, and with the right guidance and support the club is hopeful for some 1st XI silverware in the not-too-distant future.

The 2nd XI was led by Dan Quick in 2020 and David Elias in 2021. The 2nd XI provides the ideal pathway for junior cricketers making their way towards 1st XI honours and has an excellent blend of experienced players alongside a number of youngsters. This season (2021) the side were deserved winners of the 2nd XI Premier League (East), and its wonderful to see so many junior players in the side and contributing every week in one way or another.

David Ricketts leads the 3rd XI which is again a mixture of experience and youth. David led from the front with the batting and was well supported by Jon Good and Ian Bridgeman and all rounders Mike Cann (club president and former Glamorgan CC player) and Matt Phillips. The stand out batsman was James Breeze whose clean striking helped win a number of games from improbable positions. The young seam bowling attack of Faisal Nor, Vineet Bousani and Tom Watson continued to impress with Faisal earning some first team game time at the end of the season and Vineet continuing his impressive progress which also saw him play regular wales age group cricket. The side gained promotion to the South East Wales 3rd division which will see the side play against many other 1st team opposition next season.

The 4th XI is led by Rob Owens and Phil Harrington, with support from Carwyn Williams. A successful summer for the 4th XI finishing 3rd in Division 11 with a very youthful side. We won 10 matches, only losing 3, with 5 abandoned due to the weather. The most pleasing result was beating St Fagans away, chasing down their score of 208, losing 3 wickets.

The season was capped off with a comprehensive win against Grangetown and an enjoyable team BBQ at Fforest Farm. Hopefully the 3rd position league finish will grant us promotion to division 10.

We also saw the reemergence of the friendly Sunday side this year thanks to captain Peter Grzonka.

The junior section continues to thrive, with the numbers swelling year on year. 2021 had more players, more teams and more fixtures than ever before, and that means more coaches and helpers. We had our first 'girls only' side playing in the local U12 league, which gives us the foundation to have a complete female section from top to bottom over the next few years.

Our All Stars and Dynamos programme is the largest in the UK, which offers younger players from 3 years old the opportunity to play cricket for the very first time. Across the club we have fourteen players, junior and senior representing Wales, our highest number ever. 26 Cardiff CC junior players have been invited to take part in the East Wales regional training squads, which represents just over 10% of the total numbers.

The club is hugely proud of our Glamorgan representation, with Kiran Carlson, Prem Sisodiya and Tegid Phillips, all of whom have been at Cardiff Cricket Club since they were 6 or 7 years old. Kiran continues to thrive at this level, and was just shy of 1,000 championship runs, as one of GCCC's stand out players. He was appointed captain of Glamorgan's One Day team and led the club to victory in the 50 over competition, helping Glamorgan win their first piece of silverware since 2004, and their first ever in knock-out cricket.

Prem has struggled with injuries this season but was one of the standout performers in T20 cricket in the 2020 season, with his supremely accurate left arm spin, and has a bright future ahead of him.

Tegid was rewarded for his Glamorgan 2nd XI performances with a county contract. Tegid is an extremely talented cricketer, and has a very promising future, as we wish him well in his first season as a professional cricketer. We continue to work with the South Wales Premier League and Glamorgan CCC to ensure that Kiran, Prem and Tegid stay with Cardiff Cricket Club next season.

We are fortunate to have so many dedicated coaches and helpers and my thanks goes to

them; without their commitment to the club we would not be able to offer the opportunities that we do. As the numbers grow, we become more reliant on our current volunteers and continue to welcome new parents and families to the club.

We received 2 awards this year, through Cricket Wales and the ECB. As a club we were nominated for an award in the Grassroots Award in the 'Connecting Communities' category. On a personal level I was delighted to receive an award as one of 12 people in England and Wales in the 'Growing the Game' category, as well as being nominated for the 'Inspired to Play' category. None of these awards would be possible without the tireless work of so many volunteers at the club.

The support from Cricket Wales has been exceptional through these testing times, and a huge thank you should go to them, in particular the three Marks (White, Dixon and Frost) and CEO Leishia Hawkins.

On a personal note, I would like to extend my thanks to the grounds team and the very hard working committee of Cardiff Cricket Club.

The wonderful support from the Athletic Club continues to be invaluable and helps us make progress on many levels. The club is in a good place and has the community and junior cricket at the heart of it.

David Kirtley
Chairman

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019/20

The 2019/2020 season followed on from the 18/19 season with continued success and growth of the hockey section.

Men's 1s League

Cardiff & Met were placed in Division 1 North for the newly reformed league structure with England Hockey. The squad were excited about the prospect of travelling and hosting teams from the North of England. The two-tier divisions, below the Premier Division, included ten teams. With consistent performances weekly, Cardiff maintained a weekly position towards the top of the table. With only four losses in the season, Cardiff finished 3rd place. This was pleasing due to it being the first year in the newly reformed league with a young squad building for the future. The future in the Division 1 North league looks promising.

Euro Indoor (Picture below)

In February 2020, Cardiff & Met represented Wales in the Euro Indoor Club Championship I in Varna, Bulgaria. The Cardiff team played a series of pool games against some very experienced indoor competition from across Europe. The eight qualifying teams were placed in two pools of four, with the top two from each going through to a final pool to decide the placings. The opening day saw Cardiff & Met obtain a loss and draw in the first of their pool games against Slagelse of Denmark and Soroksari of Hungary respectively. The team settled quickly into day 2 with a 5-3 win over the Wildcats of Scotland with three goals in quick succession in the 2nd quarter, and two more in the 37' and 38', to see them secure second place in their pool and move to the next stage of the tournament in the top half of the competition. The first of their two matches in the top pool saw them take on the Italian side HC Bra. An early goal from Jack Valentine in the 2' minute saw the Cardiff side take the lead, but the opposition struck back with a goal in the 11' to equalise. The teams remained in a 1-1 headlock until the first minute of the third quarter when Jack Rhodes found the back of the net taking the final score to 2-1. The final game of the pool and tournament saw Cardiff & Met face tough competition from original pool winners HC OKS-SHVSM Vinnitsa of the Ukraine. The Welsh team saw two goals from their opponents in the third quarter, but a goal by Ieuan Davies from penalty corner in the opening minute of the final quarter kept them in contention. The score remained at 2-1 in this final game and the tournament standings decided, with the top three teams being HC OKS-SHVSM Vinnitsa, Slagelse and Cardiff & Met respectively.

Euro Outdoor & Welsh Cup

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the Euro Hockey Outdoor that was due to take place in Vienna, was postponed. Furthermore, the Welsh Cup was also cancelled. Cardiff regained

their status as number 1 men's club in Wales.



Men's 2s

Off the back of promotion back to the Premiership, the 2's had a mixed start to the season having not made the most of pre-season training and playing opportunities. Personnel changes didn't help the situation with a number of key players moving up to the first team or out of the club. After early misfires and that led to back to back defeats against Penarth and Clifton Robinsons, the team started to gel putting in dominant performances against tough opponents and scoring for fun in the process. Despite a lot of potential in the team and some stand out talent in key positions, we never really built any sustained momentum that would have seen us pushing for the top of the table. Whilst the inconsistency was frustrating, we still managed to secure a place in the top half of the league and a healthy goal difference to boot. With a renewed focus on training and more time for new players to settle into the system, this team has the potential to achieve much more when we return to playing.

Men's 3s

Principally starting from the back we had some great performances, bit ropey at times but kept things exciting to say the least. In midfield when we got the shape right we played fantastically, we would weave in-between opponents like they weren't even there. Up top we were getting the job done scoring 47 goals throughout the season. Standout player of the season, an individual who put all his energy into every match was Will Day.

man of the match having had no real help from the rest of us. We followed up the next weekend with another loss, 2-1 against Cardiff Uni B, but as the result suggests it was much improved. Third game in Captain Hutch took the wheel, and with a few fresh student faces and one of the youth boys added I expected a bit of a backward step. But we finally got our first 3pts on the board with a cracking 3-2 away win in Swansea with a last minute winner, for which CJ got one up on his son Callum who dropped a team to play against his dad. CJ, still on such a high from the week before, couldn't contain his excitement and took a leak in the corner before our next game against Bridgend and got himself red carded. Luckily we managed to scrap out a 1-0 win. With everyone buzzing, and CJ sticking around, a bunch of us stayed for a couple of beers and food after the game with a few deciding to celebrate in no better way than to head out for the night when we got back to Cardiff. After a social night's drinking, we managed to persuade Lewis to become admin/captain of the 4s for the rest of the season. Lewis's reign as captain started strong, winning 2 of our next 3 games. However, our form took a dip, but despite that we battled on to avoid relegation, finishing 8th. With the 5s gaining promotion it's a tasty interclub game to look forward to in the future.

Men's 5s

Strategic objectives for the season had been carefully planned and the whole squad were completely aligned in meeting its goals.

- A 3rd place finish in the League, narrowly missing out on Promotion for the 7th season in a row.
- Winning the Welsh Cup for the 3rd successive season.

Abject failure is the only way to describe our performance.

We played far too well and ended up winning the League. That with a novice keeper who frustratingly started getting better and better throughout the season. 'Young Steve' even managed to increase the average age of the back four which is impressive.

On reflection we were always going to win the League, as there were far too many games v Whitchurch (6) Swansea (4) and a couple of fun encounters v Penarth for us to even consider losing.

Having the leagues best attack (and yes I include the axis of evil here!) and the stingiest defence (New boy Rob and 'they shall not pass' Way Way) set us up well to face all challengers. Goals mainly came from a revitalised Neil Mace (scoring more last season than he had done in last four combined!) Mr Dovey and Aron who all contributed to the 69 goals scored. As did Club Legend Steve Sparkes, or at least until the clocks changed and he was scuppered by poor visibility.

With an engine room of Morgs (gets fitter ever year) PC Sam and Aussie Che we should have more than enough fitness to thrive in the upper echelons of the League Pyramid.

Big shout outs to Rodders, fitness guru Coxy and Big Fil who played on one leg for most of the season.

We were also sadly denied in the Cup. We qualified for the semis and then Covid emerged to spoil the fun.

We avidly look forward to a return to hockey whenever that maybe.

Ladies Overview

Although this season was cut short it was a huge success for us! The Ladies 1's have had a brilliant season, achieving both their goals of finishing top of the league and making it to the cup final. The Ladies 2's and 3's secured their position in their respective new leagues, showing that they without a doubt are talented enough to compete at that level! Lower down the club there was a more tumultuous season with the loss of the 5th team and the relegation of the 4s, but there were so many positives being built on when the season was cut short that we can be excited and optimistic for the future. Membership dropped slightly, with 104 members fairly equally split between students and non-students.

Ladies 1st team

Having narrowly missed out on the league title and promotion for the last two seasons running, the Ladies 1s began their 19/20 season with fire in their bellies and a determined attitude hoping it would result in 'third time lucky.'

We made an excellent start and won our first three games settling us into our rhythm. Unfortunately, we hit some availability issues at crucial times and lost two games on the bounce to our league rivals Cardiff Uni and Whitchurch during November. A loss to Gwent following an excruciatingly close game by a single goal meant we were sitting mid table. Not great considering our ambitions of securing the league along with promotion.

A much-needed boost of a pair of high scoring wins against Cardiff Uni 2s and Pembrokeshire before the Christmas break put us in a much better league position and a healthy goal difference.

Meanwhile in amongst league games we quietly advanced our way through the cup competition, another that seemed to have eluded us on many an occasion. Wins against Howard's 2s and Cardiff Uni 2s meant we'd reached the semi-final and had drawn Ardudwy, which meant a road trip to Newtown. It was a tricky game. Fair play to Ardudwy, they played with a huge amount of grit and determination. We were the favourites, and we could have let frustrations get the better of us but cool heads and continued patience 'following the process' led to the elusive winning goal. We had FINALLY made the Welsh cup FINAL. A great team bonding session on the minibus home was an amazing reward.

Our league season post-Christmas couldn't have been any sweeter. Our squad clicked brilliantly, and some excellent hockey was played. 6 wins from 6, including impressive

victories over Cardiff Uni and Whitchurch put us top of the league, 2 points clear of Gwent. This set up what everyone thought to be the league decider against Gwent. We were all pumped, riding high on confidence, superior fitness, and a tight squad. The league was ours for the taking. Plus, with us reaching the cup final, we began to dare of dreaming of a double.

Cue COVID-19. All leagues were postponed. When it became obvious that the league would be suspended indefinitely a formula was applied to determine the league winner. Gwent took the league title by 0.9% and therefore by 1 point. So yet again we lost out on a league win and promotion. The cup final was also later cancelled. A bitter pill to swallow, however perspective is a great thing. In the grand scheme of the pandemic, this was not one to moan about, however frustrating it was.

Fran Caunt - Co-captain

Ladies 2nd team

The Ladies 2nd team enjoyed a thoroughly challenging and rewarding season in the South Wales Premier League, securing a solid 7th place mid-table finish - extremely pleasing with this being their first season in the top division. A tough opening half of the season saw the team enter the Christmas break with 7pts from 9 games, including victories vs Swansea 2s & Pembroke. The second half of the season began stronger with the squad building form. Following a 2-2 draw, the team suffered narrow Cup defeat against league winners Gwent via a penalty shootout - still a season highlight. This provided the confidence to conclude the season with two successive victories against Cardiff Medics and Cardiff University to roundup a brilliant first season in the top-flight! Here's to the next one!

Alf Dinnie – Coach

Ladies 3rd team

Having been promoted from Division 1 to Prem 2, the aim for the Ladies 3s during the 19/20 season was to maintain our position in that league. We started the season well with 3 wins and 1 draw from the first 4 games, however we then faced a challenging spell where we only picked up one point in the remaining games leading up to the Christmas break. When fixtures resumed in February, we knew that a focus on winning against the teams around us would keep us in the division. Wins against Pembrokeshire and Presteigne and draws against Gwent and Penarth meant we were sitting comfortably in mid table when the league was brought to an abrupt end due to lockdown.

Rebecca Chidley – Coach

Ladies 4th team

19/2020, was a year and season like no other. With senior players progressing to compete for places in higher up teams and an influx of students joining the ranks. There has not been much stability within the 4's but there has been incredible passion and commitment with a lot of improvement throughout the season. Sadly, as we had an incredibly young and inexperienced (average age of under 18) side our passion didn't quite correlate to victories, with some unflattering score lines against Clwb Cymric and Cardiff Medics 2s which didn't reflect our quality of play. However, as the season progressed so did the level of play with some well-

deserved results coming our way with a draw against a very experienced Whitchurch Saints team and finally the elusive victory against Cwmtawe, 4-1 to Cardiff. Overall, it was season of rebuilding and gaining confidence that our young players are very much capable to perform and compete in this league.

Owain Dolan-Gray - Coach

The club is very proud of the achievements of its players, with a number of internationals representing the Club at all levels. From U14's to over 65's.

This is the 18h consecutive year that the Club has represented Wales in Europe and the whole squad would like to thank the Athletic Club for their continued support of these European ventures and making our continued success possible.

All members of the section would like to thank the Athletic Club for its superb support throughout the season.

Mark Shelton

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/21

The 2020/2021 season that never happened will always be remembered and not fondly.

After Covid had hit in March and the 19/20 season was cut short everyone was looking forward to a return to hockey and the much needed fitness that brings. Training numbers were the highest they've ever been and we were more organised and prepared than ever before.

It's true to say that you don't truly know how much you value something until it's gone and going the whole season bar a few friendlies without any games was difficult to say the least. Lots of false dawns and tracking the daily infection rate and restrictions on travel didn't help and the league was cancelled.

With the new league season nearly upon us I look forward to getting back playing sport, socialising with friends and some sort of return to normality.

TENNIS SECTION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019/20

2020 has been an extraordinary year for everyone and the Tennis section has not escaped the various lockdowns and restrictions imposed in order to try and control the pandemic which has affected so many individuals and families. Despite this, the tennis section has endeavoured to press ahead as much as possible between lockdown and has actually achieved quite a lot in what has been a very tough year.

During the first lockdown in 2020, a COVID-19 sub-group was set up with the aim of carrying out all necessary risk assessments and getting the Club ready and as soon as Welsh Government and Tennis Wales gave the green light to resume activities, the Club was 100% ready and opened up its courts immediately.

Tennis Wales, our National Governing Body has the vision of "Tennis Opened Up" and to this end the tennis section has attempted to open up tennis as much as possible in 2020 to our members, our local community, and beyond. We opened up our Clubhouse to the Tomorrow's Generation School - a specialist school for children and young people with dyslexia while their facility was being renovated. We opened up our courts to Wheelchair Tennis players who were part of Tennis Wales' National Training squad. We opened up our courts to run coach education training and also ran an International racquet testing event for Wilson Sports.

Our membership secretary was also on the ball and drove the membership to unprecedented levels, opening up our club to many new members especially from other Commercial Clubs that were still struggling to re-open. Our membership is at the highest it has ever been in the club's history. We also started a Pay to Play initiative to open up and attract members of the local community back into some form of healthy activity without the commitment of paying an annual subscription. This proved successful with several people taking up the offer each month and a few actually deciding to join the club as a result of their initial Pay to Play experience.

Coaching was drastically affected by the various lockdowns but Will Morgan continued to work hard and was rewarded with his selection for the South Wales U12 Squad. Our coach Tony, organised playing opportunities and ladders for a whole host of different players during the autumn for all ages and all levels and we were confident that this was the largest ladder system operating in Wales in 2020.

The league season was severely disrupted with summer and winter leagues cancelled. Our Annual Club Championships were also cancelled for 2020. However, our members did manage to get some play in between lockdowns and the clay courts were especially well used when we were open and are proving to be a huge attraction for members and prospective members.

One person who carried on his fantastic work throughout the year was Clive Bolton our Chair of House and Grounds. He has once again shown tremendous dedication to the Club and ensured through his hard work that the courts have been playable despite exceptional rainfall and high winds that brought surrounding trees down. He constantly maintains the car park and is generally on call for any emergency at the club including electrics, plumbing, decking and everything else. His dedication to dressing and sweeping the clay courts is unbelievable and has resulted in big financial savings with regard to maintenance schedules. Therefore the Chairman's Cup goes for a second consecutive year to Clive.

The Club Committee has worked hard during 2020 and have met over ZOOM and outdoors and without their hard work, the Club would not be in the excellent position it is currently in and so my heartfelt thanks goes to each of them. We are hopeful that 2021 will see less disruption and a return to some kind of normality when we can get back to playing, competing and having a fun social calendar once again.

Geraint Richards,
Tennis Section Chair.

TENNIS SECTION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 06/20 to 05/21

2020/21 was another challenging year with another lengthy lockdown period and once more we needed detailed preparations and control measures for when we were able to restart playing tennis. The dedication of our committee members to ensure we were prepared to re-open as quickly as possible when restrictions were relaxed thus ensuring we could operate safely was one of the high points in a difficult 12 months.

The year has also brought out a real determination amongst our members to take every opportunity to get out and start playing again whilst complying with the various restrictions that were imposed in order to meet the evolving Covid-19 regulations. Our Welfare Officer Emma Reid Jones, Social Secretary Cath Lynn and Secretary Victoria Morgan all took leading roles in ensuring we complied with both the regulations and the advice from Tennis Wales.

Sadly those restrictions meant we were unable to hold the Club Championships in 2020 but we finished the 2020/21 season by drawing up plans to ensure normal service could be resumed with the Championships resuming and scheduled for September 2021.

In Junior Tennis one of the few events we were able to hold was the 2021 Road to Wimbledon which allows juniors the chance to compete for a place representing South Wales in a tournament held on the courts at Wimbledon. Tom Holroyd our winner and Will Morgan our runner up going on to the regional qualifying event.

We enjoyed a very successful year in terms of recruiting new members and by the end of May 21 were moving ever closer to our target of 300 members. Our excellent Membership Secretary Juliette Sherrard has been instrumental in turning initial enquiries into signed up members and it was fantastic to see those new recruits taking advantage of the excellent facilities that the club offers. Many of those new members have contributed greatly to enhancing our competitive teams and social tennis sessions and we are already looking at setting a revised target for the number of members next year.

We have worked to reach out to our local community and continued our arrangement to allow our Clubhouse to be used as a base by the highly regarded Tomorrow's Generation School - a specialist school for children and young people with dyslexia through 2021 whilst their previous facility in Lisvane is being renovated.

The income from hiring out our the clubhouse and the increased income from the record number of members has greatly improved the tennis sections financial contribution to the club as a whole and we are now working towards a financial plan that will ensure we have a clear idea of what provision we need to have for future renewal and refurbishment costs. Pay to Play allows the wider community an opportunity to play at the club during off peak times for a set fee and helps non members get a chance to see what the club has to offer if they joined as a member.

Our coaching programme is very popular with juniors and we currently have 110 participants in our Junior Coaching Programme. Equally impressive is the number of adults who are taking advantage of expert coaching from our influential and enthusiastic coach Tony Symonds Hicks. Over 60 adult members have taken up coaching sessions. With regard to our newest members over 73% across all categories of membership have been involved in the coaching activities during the year.

Our coaching activities have been a source of new members over the years with our family membership deal designed to encourage the parents of juniors in the coaching programme to join the club and hopefully continue their membership into the following years.

Our grounds maintenance is supervised by Clive Bolton who is dedicated to ensuring our courts and the surrounding areas are kept in excellent order. Various other members volunteer to help Clive and combined together the team's dedication has greatly reduced the need for outside contractors to be employed to maintain the club's facilities. In cash terms Clive and his band of willing helpers probably save the club from having to spend around £5,600 a year on external contractors with the clay courts in particular earning very positive reviews from the visiting teams of other local clubs.

Our Club Captain Alex Welch has worked hard to revitalise our league teams in preparation for the resumption of competitive league matches. The 2020/21 season comprised of friendly matches but nevertheless there have been some impressive performances over the season.

Our representatives on the Cardiff Athletic Club (CAC) Management Committee – Jim Allan and Clive Bolton ensure our committee is kept aware of what is happening with the other sections of CAC and the wider challenges facing the club.

Towards the end of 2020/21 our Chair Geraint Richards and Vice Chair Simon Howe both stepped down and the club is very grateful to both for their contributions leading the club's response to the pandemic.

Thank you also to past Club Captain Caroline Jacobson who also stepped down and who has played a big part in the committee over many years.

I would like to conclude by thanking all our members who have supported the club over the year by turning up to support our events and by renewing their membership despite not knowing whether they would be able to play tennis in the following 12 months. With such dedicated and enthusiastic members backing the club we can plan for a vibrant and exciting future for tennis in Lisvane and the wider local area.

Tony Nash
Treasurer and Interim Chair
Tennis Section

**CARDIFF RFC CLUB
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
END OF SEASON REPORT 2020 / 21**

This will be my final report to the membership after five years as Chairman of Cardiff RFC. As a life-long fan of the 'Blue & Blacks', as well as a former player, it has been a huge honour and privilege to lead your committee. However, I have to say it hasn't always been the most enjoyable experience.

Winning the WRU Challenge Cup for the first time in more than two decades in 2019 stands out as a highlight, as does seeing those players who graduated through our ranks go on to play for both the Blues and Wales. But it seems to me that ever since rugby went regional in Wales in 2003 there has been a mounting lack of harmony at the Arms Park that has become increasingly divisive.

When Cardiff Rugby Ltd was created to allow the Blues to come into being it was never envisaged by any of us that Cardiff RFC would be pushed further and further down the pecking order. Everything was done to enable the Blues to push forward successfully into a new era and over the past 18 years they have won two second tier European trophies and an Anglo-Welsh Cup.

The relationship between the Blues and the RFC has been a difficult one. Since rejoining the club in 2011 I have done my best to ensure the best interests of Cardiff RFC have been placed firmly on the rugby agenda. As we approach our 150th anniversary in 2026 we have to remember all those great players and servants of the club and ensure what they built here in the Welsh capital becomes lost in the mists of time.

Thankfully, every Rugby section committee member I have had the pleasure of working with has remained totally committed to ensuring the world renowned name and reputation of Cardiff RFC, and all it stands for, is maintained. I would like to thank them all for the resolute support they have given me over the past five years.

Maybe, just maybe, the penny has finally dropped at the Arms Park and more people realise that history matters, that whichever team plays at our spiritual home in the heart of the Welsh capital is representing our great club and our great city. The move to drop the 'Blues' title from the regional team is a step in the right direction, but much work lays ahead to ensure there is a fully integrated club that serves the needs of the community, semi-professional and professional elements of the game.

Cardiff RFC cannot afford to be considered an irritant or an afterthought in the minds of people in charge of rugby in our city. That has been the case in the past with none of the pieces of the jigsaw properly fitted together. Hopefully, that is about to change.

Of all the things that have been achieved during my period as Chairman I firmly believe the most important was the appointment of Steve Law as head coach in 2017. He brought with him an in-depth understanding of the Premiership and its players, proven coaching qualities and a set of standards that have been the making of the club in recent seasons. He also understood the traditions and values of Cardiff RFC and helped to mould a strong team that blended youth and experience in equal measure. Steve will once again be in charge of coaching the team next season and his strength in developing not only players, but coaches, has been shown by the fact that Gethin Jenkins is now the Wales defence coach and T Rhys Thomas was forwards coach with Wales U20 this summer.

The progress made under Steve's expert guidance is worth noting. No longer was the title race all about our regional rivals Pontypridd and Merthyr, the 'Blue & Blacks' almost immediately entered the equation. Throughout his time we have worked under the banner of '**Keep striving for improvement, you must keep moving forward**'

Season 2018/19

- The relationship with the Blues began to develop with a better understanding of the needs of both squads
- The playing budget for Cardiff RFC budget was increased by the Blues
- Squad strengthening saw Martyn Roberts, Morgan Allen, Steff Jones, Zac O'Driscoll, Kieran Martin, Joe Gatt, Mathew Powell and Morgan Griffiths join the squad
- The coaching staff also changed with Gethin Jenkins, T Rhys Thomas, Llyr Lane and James Dixon joining him in what became widely regarded as the best coaching team in the Premiership
- It was Steve's first season with his own choice of player
- Game time was offered to senior and transition squad members at the Blues
- Ben Thomas and Max Llewellyn were prominent and 9 Academy players were blooded, four of who played 10 games or more
- 10 players played 30 games or more and 18 played 20 games or more
- That hard-core of players produced a season in which the WRU Challenge Cup was won and the side were runners-up in the league
- Results exceeded expectations

Season 2019/20

- The Premiership was now even more competitive with only 12 teams in the league, raising the standards and intensity of the competition
- New signings included Brynley Toms, Ollie Drake, Evan Yardley, Nathan Hudd, Alex Everett, James Thomas, Tom Habberfield, Ben Williams, Leon Andrews, Joe Scrivens, Barney Nightingale and Sam Beard
- The coaching staff was changed slightly with James Dixon appointed as attack

coach and Will Cusack as Strength & Conditioning coach

- A brilliant start saw Cardiff win 13 consecutive games before going down by a point after Christmas to Pontypridd
- 3 Premiership teams were beaten on the way to the semi-finals of the WRU Challenge Cup, which unfortunately was then cancelled due to COVID-19
- We were set to play Carmarthen Quins in the semi-final
- In the Premiership, we were 7 points clear at the top of the table with a game in hand before the season was cancelled

Having won the Cup for the first time in 22 years in 2019 we were all dreaming of completing the first league and cup double in the club's history a year on. COVID put paid to that. The debate within some circles was whether or not it matters if Cardiff RFC is truly competitive any more. In many people's eyes the club is seen as a vehicle to provide the next generation of regional players with a step into the senior game. Becoming the servant to professional rugby is not how I have ever envisaged our great club. We have a role to play in bringing players through, as we always have done since the 1950s when we became one of the first clubs in Wales to launch a Youth team. But we have also always been a competitive outfit and must remain so. If playing for Cardiff RFC is to mean anything to current and future players they must be part of a well organised, competitive and ambitious team. It has to be about the collective, not the individual and titles and trophies matter.

As I am writing this we are preparing to get back into some form of rugby post-COVID. It has been a long wait and my condolences go out to anyone from within the Cardiff RFC family that has lost a loved one during this terrible time. Steve is working as head coach and Gruff Rees, academy manager at the Blues, has been installed as the director of rugby. Between them these two will guide both the playing and development fortunes of the club.

There appears to be greater clarity within the club following the decision taken by Alun Jones and the Blues committee to re-brand the regional entity as Cardiff Rugby. The second team will now be known as Cardiff RFC and the players who make-up the team competing in the Premiership and WRU Challenge Cup will be experienced regional players, Academy members and 20 or so semi-professional players identified by Steve. The dream is to have a streamlined rugby pathway that enables:

1. the best young talent to rise to the top, supported by senior pros and semi-pros
2. those who need a bit longer to mature into full-time professionals a chance to get quality game-time under their belt
3. competent and competitive players who want to play for Cardiff RFC to prove their worth by training and playing in a first-class set-up

This is very exciting news. Done well it will have widespread benefit and will safeguard and strengthen the future of rugby at all levels in Cardiff. For almost 150 years the good

citizens of our first city have been trekking to the Arms Park to watch top-quality players and teams playing with pride and panache in the famous blue and black hoops. Now the hope is they will get two teams for the price of one to confidently cheer to further honour and glory in the future.

Talking about the future, we will be starting our Mini & Juniors section this Autumn. Chris Collins, a former player who progressed through the Youth, Rags and senior sides at the club, has been leading this vital project as we seek to sink deeper roots into our community. Two other former players, Bobby Newman and David Morgan, are working with him alongside the experienced development staff at Cardiff Rugby. Our hope is this will extend the player pathway and also engage new fans across the city. Just as we have always championed players who have graduated from our Youth section and risen to the very top of the international game – Lloyd Williams in the Sixties, Terry Holmes and Mark Ring in the Eighties to name but a few – just imagine how exciting it will be to try to spot a first team player of the future cutting his teeth at Mini & Junior levels.

As I prepare to hand over the Chairmanship I would like to thank all those who have served alongside me on the Rugby Committee (Simon Down, Jill Parker, Marc Wakeham, Chris Collins, Clive Davies, David Morgan, Bobby Newman, Ian Tabor and John Huw Williams), and also those I have worked with at Cardiff Athletic Club level. There have been some tough times, strong words spoken and disagreements along the way. But, first and foremost, the best interest of Cardiff RFC has always been at the forefront of our deliberations.

As I prepare to step down as Chairman, I'm looking forward to helping in any way my successor and serving Cardiff Rugby as much as possible into the future.

Regards

Chris Norman

CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCE 2019 - 2020

TOTAL			START	REP
19	DAVIES	THOMAS	16	3
19	THOMPSON	GARETH	16	3
19	SCRIVENS	JOSEPH	6	13
18	ALLEN	MORGAN	17	1
17	YARDLEY	EVAN	14	3
17	EVERETT	ALEX	12	5
17	TOMS	BRYNLEY	4	13
16	HABBERFIELD	TOM	13	3
16	HOWLEY	EDD	13	3
16	PAILOR	SAM	12	4
15	O'DRISCOLL	ZACH	10	5
14	THOMAS	JAMES	12	2
13	BEAL	JAMES	13	
13	LLEWELLYN	MAX	12	1
13	ANDREWS	LEON	10	3
13	DRAKE	OLLIE	9	4
12	GATT	JOE	7	5
12	LLOYD	PETER	6	6
11	BRADBURY	CALLUM	10	1
10	NIGHTINGALE	BARNEY	9	1
8	BEARD	SAM	7	1
8	RATTI	JAMES	7	1
8	WILLIAMS	BEN	6	2
8	FISH	DAN	5	3
8	HARRIS	HESTYN	4	4
8	MARTIN	KIERAN	1	7
7	GEE	TERI	7	
7	DAVIES-KING	WILL	3	4
7	PIKE	LLOYD	1	6
7	LLOYD	ETHAN		7
6	WILLIAMS	TEDDY	4	2
6	SOUTO	HUGO	6	
5	COOK	MACAULEY	5	
5	BROOKS	JACK	3	2
5	LEWIS	ETHAN	1	4
4	THOMAS	BEN	4	
4	DAVIES	IOAN	2	2
4	JONES	LEWIS	2	2
4	PETTIT	MATTHEW	1	3
4	FRANCIS	LEWIS		4
3	BOTHAM	JAMES	3	
3	HARRIES	JASON	3	
3	HUDD	NATHAN	2	1
2	CROCKER	LUKE	2	
2	ANDREWS	SCOTT S/R	1	1
2	JIWA-WAJI	AMIR	1	1

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CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCE 2019 - 2020 (cont)

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1	PAULO	FILO	1	
1	ALLEN	GARETH		1
1	BARTLETT	ZACH		1
1	BRADLEY	GWILYM		1
1	JONES	LOUIS		1
1	KHAN	SOL		1
1	MYHILL	KIRBY		1
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CARDIFF RFC PLAYING RECORD 2019 - 2020

DATE	OPONENTS	H/A	RESULT	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
30/08/2019	BEDWAS (F)	A	WON	6				42	3				21
06/09/2019	PONTYPRIDD	H	WON	3		1		24	2		3		23
14/09/2019	RGC 1404 (CUP)	A	WON	3	2	3		40	2	2			24
21/09/2019	LLANELLI	A	WON	4	1			33		2			10
12/10/2019	SWANSEA	H	WON	2		1		17	1		1		10
19/10/2019	CARMARTHEN QUINS	H	WON	4		2		34	2		2		20
26/10/2019	RGC 1404	A	WON	3	1	1		29	2	1	1		22
01/11/2019	EBBW VALE	H	WON	1	1			12			1		3
08/11/2019	EBBW VALE (CUP)	H	WON	10	1	1		78	1	1			12
16/11/2019	BRIDGEND	A	WON	4		2		34	1	1			12
22/11/2019	ABERAVON	H	WON	1		2		13	1	1			12
07/12/2019	NEWPORT	A	WON	2	2			24	1				7
14/12/2019	MERTHYR	H	WON	2		2		20			1		3
21/12/2019	LLANDOVERY	A	WON	2	1	2		25	1	1	2		20
28/12/2019	PONTYPRIDD	A	LOST	2	1	2		25	2		4		26
04/01/2020	LLANELLI	H	WON	5				35	2				14
17/01/2020	CARMARTHEN QUINS	A	LOST	1				7	3	1	1		29
25/01/2020	LLANELLI (CUP)	A	WON	3	1	3		35	1	2	1		20
29/02/2020	BRIDGEND	H	WON	5		2		41	1	1			12
14/03/2020	ABERAVON	A	LOST	1	1	2		18	2		2		20
				64	12	26	0	586	28	13	19	0	320

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 1 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 0	6							42	3				21
(CUP) PLAYED 3 WON 3 DREW 0 LOST 0	16	4	7					153	4	5	1		56
LEAGUE PLAYED 16 WON 13 DREW 0 LOST 3	42	8	19					391	21	8	18		243
TOTAL PLAYED 20 WON 17 DREW 0 LOST 3	64	12	26					586	28	13	19		320

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CARDIFF RFC POINTS 2018 - 2019

		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
THOMPSON	GARETH	2	23	47		173
HOWLEY	EDD	6		3		36
FISH	DAN	5		3		31
EVERETT	ALEX	6				30
ALLEN	MORGAN	5				25
GEE	TERI	5				25
NIGHTINGALE	BARNEY	5				25
SCRIVENS	JOSEPH		3	8		25
BEAL	JAMES	4				20
BEARD	SAM	4				20
HABBERFIELD	TOM	4				20
LLEWELLYN	MAX	4				20
YARDLEY	EVAN	4				20
ANDREWS	LEON	3				15
LEWIS	ETHAN	3				15
PAILOR	SAM	3				15
THOMAS	BEN FH	1		3		11
BROOKS	JACK	2				10
THOMAS	JAMES	2				10
BARTLETT	ZACH	1				5
BRADBURY	CALLUM	1				5
BRADLEY	GWILYM	1				5
DAVIES	IOAN	1				5
DAVIES	THOMAS	1				5
DAVIES-KING	WILL	1				5
HARRIES	JASON	1				5
RATTI	JAMES	1				5

CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2019 - 2020

TOTAL		START	REP
21	TURNBULL JOSH	20	1
20	BOYDE WILL	14	6
19	LEWIS-HUGHES SHANE	13	6
19	TOVEY JASON	9	10
18	WILLIAMS LLOYD	12	6
17	ROBINSON OLLIE	13	4
17	DAVIES SEBASTIAN	12	5
17	ANDREWS SCOTT	10	7
17	THYER BRADLEY	10	7
16	MORGAN MATTHEW	14	2
15	BELCHER LIAM	11	4
14	EVANS JARROD	14	
14	THOMAS BEN	8	6
14	DOMACHOWSKI COREY	6	8
13	LEE-LO REYNOLD	13	
13	SMITH GARYN	12	1
13	JONES LEWIS	4	9
13	ASSIRATTI KIERON	2	11
12	SUMMERHILL ALED	11	1
12	HARRIES JASON	10	2
12	WILLIAMS NICK	8	4
12	GILL RHYS	5	7
11	MYHILL KIRBY	6	5
11	RATTI JAMES	6	5
10	AMOS HALLAM	7	3
10	ARHIP DMITRI	7	3
10	DACEY KRISTIAN	4	6
9	THORNTON RORY	8	1
9	HALAHOLO WILLIS	7	2
8	ADAMS JOSH	8	
8	LANE OWEN	8	
8	MILLARD HARRI	4	4
8	LEWIS ETHAN	1	7
7	WILLIAMS TOMOS	6	1
7	COOK MACAULEY	2	5
6	PAULO FILO	6	
6	LAWRENCE ALUN		6
5	FISH DAN	3	2
4	NAVIDI JOSH	4	
4	BOTHAM JAMES	3	1
4	LLEWELLYN MAX	2	2
3	LEWIS DILLON	3	
3	DAVIES IOAN	1	2
2	EDWARDS RYAN	1	1
2	MURPHY BEN		2
1	CARRE RHYS	1	
1	HILL CORY	1	
1	DAVIES-KING WILL		1
1	HILL JAMIE		1
1	MOORE SAM		1
498	OSPREYS	330	168

CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2020 - 2021

TOTAL		START	REP
20	TURNBULL JOSH	20	
19	AMOS HALLAM	16	3
18	MORGAN MATTHEW	16	2
18	DOMACHOWSKI COREY	13	5
18	THORNTON RORY	13	5
17	EVANS JARROD	15	2
17	ARHIP DMITRI	12	5
16	DAVIES SEBASTIAN	15	1
15	LEE-LO REYNOLD	13	2
15	DACEY KRISTIAN	11	4
15	THOMAS BEN	11	4
15	RATTI JAMES	10	5
15	CARRE RHYS	4	11
14	ROBINSON OLLY	8	6
14	MURPHY BEN	7	7
13	SUMMERHILL ALED	12	1
13	LEWIS DILLON	8	5
13	BELCHER LIAM	7	6
13	WILLIAMS LLOYD	6	7
13	LAWRENCE ALUN	4	9
12	HALAHOLO WILLIS	10	2
11	HILL CORY	11	
11	WILLIAMS TOMOS	9	2
10	ADAMS JOSH	10	
10	BOTHAM JAMES	10	
10	LANE OWEN	9	1
10	SMITH GARYN	7	3
10	TOVEY JASON	6	4
10	HILL JAMIE	5	5
9	HARRIES JASON	7	2
9	LLEWELLYN MAX	5	4
9	JONES LEWIS	4	5
9	THYER BRADLEY	4	5
9	ASSIRATTI KIERON	3	6
9	LEWIS ETHAN	1	8
8	LEWIS-HUGHES SHANE	7	1
8	MYHILL KIRBY	5	3
8	BRADLEY GWILYM	4	4
7	ANDREWS SCOTT	1	6
5	JENKINS ELLIS	5	
5	GRADY MASON	3	2
5	MILLARD HARRI	2	3
5	MOORE SAM	2	3
4	FISH DAN	2	2
4	WILLIAMS TEDDY		4
3	GILL RHYS	2	1
3	BEVAN ELLIS		3
3	DAVIES-KING WILL		3
3	HARRIS IESTYN		3
2	BOYDE WILL	2	
2	BEVACQUA THEO	1	1

CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2020 - 2021

TOTAL			START	REP
2	NAVIDI	JOSH	1	1
2	SCULLY	LUKE		2
1	DAVIES	IOAN RHYS	1	
1	ANSTEY	RHYS		1
1	FEYI-WABOSO	IMMANUEL		1
1	MANN	ALEX		1
1	OWEN	HUW		1
543	ZEBRE		360	183

CARDIFF BLUES PLAYING RECORD 2019 - 2020

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	RESULT	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
14/09/2019	BEDFORD BLUES (F)	A	WON	2	5			39	2				14
28/09/2019	SOUTHERN KINGS	A	WON	3	2			31	3		2		27
05/10/2019	EDINBURGH	H	LOST		1	2		11	1		4		19
12/10/2019	GLASGOW	A	LOST	1		2		13	2		1		17
25/10/2019	ULSTER	A	LOST	2				14	2		3		23
02/11/2019	MUNSTER	H	LOST	2		3		23	2	2	3		33
09/11/2019	CHEETAHS	H	WON	1	1	6		30	2		1		17
16/11/2009	CALVISANO (E2)	A	WON	5		1		38	1		3		16
23/11/2009	LEICESTER (E2)	H	LOST		1	2		11		1	3		14
30/11/2019	TREVISO	A	WON	4		1		31	1	3	2		28
07/12/2019	PAU (E2)	H	WON	7	1			54	2	1	1		22
14/12/2019	PAU (E2)	A	LOST	3	1	1		29	3	2	1		34
21/12/2019	OSPREYS	A	WON	1		4		19		1	3		16
26/12/2019	DRAGONS	H	WON	1	3			16	1	1			12
03/01/2020	SCARLETS	H	LOST	2				14	1		3		16
12/01/2020	LEICESTER (E2)	A	LOST	2		2		20	3		1	2	30
18/01/2020	CALVISANO (E2)	H	WON	7	3			64			1		3
15/02/2020	CONNACHT	A	LOST					0	3	1	1		29
23/02/2020	TREVISO	H	WON	3	2	1		34	2	2			24
28/02/2020	EDINBURGH	A	LOST			2		6		1	3		14
22/08/2020	SCARLETS	A	LOST	1	1			12	2	3	1		32
30/08/2020	OSPREYS	H(RP)	WON	2		5		29	2		2		20
				49	18	35	0	538	35	18	39	2	460

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 1 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 0	2	5			39	2							14
(E2) EUROPE PLAYED 6 WON 3 DREW 0 LOST 3	24	6	6		216	9	4	10	2				119
LEAGUE PLAYED 15 WON 7 DREW 0 LOST 8	23	7	29		283	24	14	29					327
TOTAL PLAYED 22 WON 11 DREW 0 LOST 11	49	18	35		538	35	18	39	2				460
PENALTY TRY = 7POINTS													

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DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	RESULT	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
02/10/2020	ZEBRE	A	WON	1		3		16			2		6
10/10/2020	CONNACHT	H	WON	2	2	1		29	1				7
26/10/2020	MUNSTER	A	LOST	3		2		27	5		1		38
02/11/2020	ULSTER	H	LOST	1				7		1	2		11
09/11/2020	EDINBURGH	A	LOST					0	1	1	2		18
16/11/2020	TREVISIO	H	WON	2	1	1		22		1			5
22/11/2020	LEINSTER	A	LOST		1			5	5	1			40
29/11/2020	GLASGOW	H	LOST	1		1		10	1		4		19
11/12/2020	NEWCASTLE (E2)	A	WON	2	1	4		33	2		2		20
26/12/2020	DRAGONS	A	WON	1		2		13			4		12
01/01/2021	OSPREYS	H	LOST			1		3	1	1	1		17
09/01/2021	SCARLETS	H	WON	1	2	4		29	2		2		20
22/01/2021	SCARLETS	A	WON	1		2		13	1		1		10
12/02/2021	OSPREYS (F)	H	WON	4	2			38	3				21
20/02/2021	CONNACHT	A	LOST	2		1		17	3	1	2		32
26/02/2021	MUNSTER	H	LOST		1	2		11	2		2		20
14/03/2021	TREVISIO	A	WON	3	1	1		29	2				14
22/03/2021	EDINBURGH	H	WON	4		2		34	1	1	1		15
02/04/2021	LONDON IRISH (E2)	A	LOST	3	1	2	1	35	5		2		41
24/04/2021	OSPREYS (RC)	A	LOST	2				14	3	3			36
09/05/2021	DRAGONS (RC)	H	WON	2		1		17	1		3		16
15/05/2021	SCARLETS (RC)	A	WON	3	1	1		29	2	1	3		28
28/05/2021	MUNSTER (RC)	A	LOST	3		2		27	4		1		31
05/06/2021	ZEBRE (RC)	H	WON	2	3	2		37	1	1			12
				43	16	35	1	495	46	12	35	0	489

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 1 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 0	4	2						38	3				21
(E2) EUROPE PLAYED 2 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 1	5	2	6	1				68	7		4		61
(RC) RAINBOW CUP PLAYED 5 WON 3 DREW 0 LOST 2	12	4	6					124	11	5	7		123
LEAGUE PLAYED 16 WON 8 DREW 0 LOST 8	22	8	23					265	25	7	24		284
TOTAL PLAYED 24 WON 13 DREW 0 LOST 11	43	16	35	1				495	46	12	35	0	489

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		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
EVANS	JARROD	3	18	23		115
TOVEY	JASON		17	24		99
ADAMS	JOSH	7				35
LANE	OWEN	6				30
HARRIES	JASON	5				25
JONES	LEWIS	5				25
SUMMERHILL	ALED	5				25
MORGAN	MATTHEW	4				20
BOYDE	WILL	3				15
WILLIAMS	LLOYD	3				15
THOMAS	BEN	2		2		14
BOTHAM	JAMES	2				10
DAVIES	SEBASTIAN	2				10
LAWRENCE	ALUN	2				10
LEWIS-HUGHES	SHANE	2				10
MILLARD	HARRI	2				10
ROBINSON	OLLY	2				10
AMOS	HALLAM	1				5
BELCHER	LIAM	1				5
DACEY	KRISTIAN	1				5
DAVIES	IOAN	1				5
DOMACHOWSKI	COREY	1				5
EDWARDS	RYAN	1				5
LEE-LO	REYNOLD	1				5
LEWIS	ETHAN	1				5
MYHILL	KIRBY	1				5
SMITH	GARYN	1				5
TURNBULL	JOSH	1				5
WILLIAMS	NICK	1				5

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		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
EVANS	JARROD	2	28	33	1	163
LEE-LO	REYNOLD	5				25
SUMMERHILL	ALED	5				25
THOMAS	BEN	1	4	3		23
PENALTY TRY		3				21
AMOS	HALLAM	4				20
WILLIAMS	TOMOS	4				20
TOVEY	JASON		3	5		19
ADAMS	JOSH	3				15
DACEY	KRISTIAN	3				15
DOMACHOWSKI	COREY	2				10
HALAHOLO	WILLIS	2				10
LANE	OWEN	2				10
MILLARD	HARRI	2				10
TURNBULL	JOSH	2				10
WILLIAMS	LLOYD	2				10
MORGAN	MATTHEW	1		1		7
ASSIRATTI	KEIRON	1				5
BELCHER	LIAM	1				5
BEVAN	ELLIS	1				5
BOTHAM	JAMES	1				5
BRADLEY	GWILYM	1				5
CARRE	RHYS	1				5
DAVIES	SEBASTIAN	1				5
FISH	DAN	1				5
HARRIES	JASON	1				5
HARRIS	IESTYN	1				5
HILL	CORY	1				5
JENKINS	ELLIS	1				5
LLEWELLYN	MAX	1				5
RATTI	JAMES	1				5
THORNTON	RORY	1				5
WILLIAMS	TEDDY	1				5
SCULLY	LUKE			1		2

