

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



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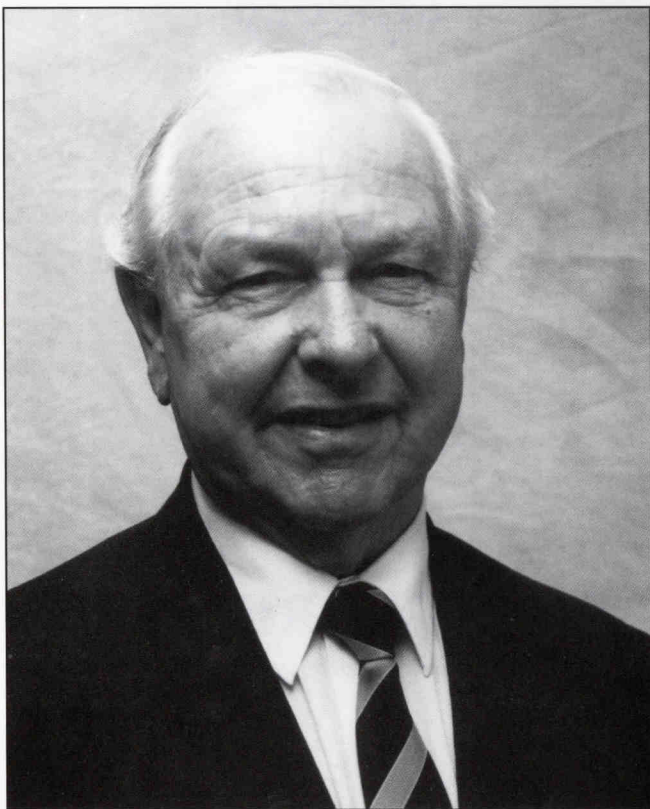
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ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st May, 2002

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Cardiff Athletic Club



President
B. L. WILLIAMS

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	DR.C.D.WILLIAMS

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman
***M.G.B. WARFIELD**

Vice Chairman: ***D.O.HERBERT**
***G.CHUGG**
***M.JOHN**
***C.D.WILLIAMS**
***J.MATTHEWS**

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

A.ALLEN
B.BENNETT
A.C.EDWARDS
J.EVANS
M.GILMORE
W.HUNT

R.LAKIN
E.MEGGITT
J.O'DONNELL
D.R.TURNER
R.G.WILLIAMS

Co-opted Members:

J.O.WEBB, D.COLE, R.NEWMAN

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

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



President:
B.L.Williams

CARDIFF ARMS PARK
CARDIFF
CF10 1JA

Date of Postmark

Dear Sir or Madam,

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday, 21st October, 2002, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

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1. To read the Notice convening the Meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve and, if correct, sign the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 1st October, 2001, which are included in this notice.
4. To receive Annual Report
5. To receive Annual Statement of Accounts
6. To elect Vice Presidents
7. To appoint Auditors
8. To confirm election of Members to the Management Committee. The Members nominated for election to the Management Committee are as follows:-

Bowls Section : M.Gilmore

Football Section : J.Evans

J.O'Donnell

Hockey Section : M.G.B. Warfield

Cricket Section : A.C.Edwards

Tennis Section : A.Allen

The above being the only nominations received, these Members will be declared elected.

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

Admission to the Meeting shall be strictly on the production of a CURRENT Membership Card for the year ending 31st May 2003. Members are reminded that they cannot be admitted to the Meeting unless they produce such a Card. JUNIOR Members under the age of 18 are reminded that under the Club's Rule 5 (d) they may attend the Meeting on production of a current Membership Card but may not vote.

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 Wednesday, 2nd October, 2002.

Yours faithfully,
M.G.B.WARFIELD
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Cardiff Athletic Club held on Monday, 1st October, 2001, commencing at 7.0 p.m. in the Top Lounge of the Clubhouse.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and the President read out the notice convening the Meeting. He welcomed the 48 Members present and stated his disappointment at the small number in attendance. He considered the meeting to be important and could not understand the lack of support for the Athletic Club.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J.Herbert
3. Minutes – Dr.C.D.Williams proposed and Mr.G.A.Chugg seconded that the minutes of the A.G.M. held on 29th September, 2000 be signed as a true record.
4. Annual Report – As there were no comments or questions on the Chairman's Report it was unanimously agreed by all present that it be approved.
5. Annual Statement of Accounts – The Chairman enquired if Mr.David Cole, Hon. Treasurer, had any comments to make on the accounts, to which he replied 'No' other than there were no deliberate errors.

Mr. Bill Hunt referred to the Notes to the Accounts on Page 19 and drew attention to the rent review due in February 2002. He enquired who would be acting on behalf of CAC and would the full market value of the ground be taken into account. He was of the opinion that CRFC Ltd. would not be in a position to pay a rent based on the full market value of such a lucrative ground.

Mr. David Herbert stated that it was agreed about one year after the original assessment that the rent increase would be in line with inflation. This would probably result in the rent being raised to £83,000/£85,000. The Company considered that the present rent was too much but CAC did not agree.

As many of CAC members were also members of CRFC Ltd., it was felt that the majority did not want to cause difficulties for the Company.

Mr.Hunt stated that if the Management Committee thought that that was in the best interest of the Club he would accept it.

Dr.C.D.Williams proposed and Mr.Malcolm Gilmore seconded, that the accounts be accepted.
6. To elect Vice Presidents – The Chairman pointed out that the list of Vice Presidents could be found on page 4, and informed Members that

unfortunately the Club had been informed, after the report had gone to print, of the death of Mr.J.P.Roberts. It was unanimously approved that the remaining Vice Presidents be elected for the ensuing year.

7. To appoint Auditors – It was proposed by Mr.D.Cole and seconded by Mr.B.Hunt, that Watts Gregory be appointed Auditors for the following year.
8. To confirm election of Members to the Management Committee – The Chairman drew attention to the list of nominees and advised members of an error regarding the Football nominees for which he apologised. The names mentioned should have read, Mr.Brian Bennett and Mr.Robert Lakin

As there were no other nominations, the following were elected:-

Bowls Section:	R.G.Williams
Football Section:	R.Lakin
	B.Bennett
Hockey Section:	W.Hunt
Cricket Section:	M.Phillips
Tennis Section:	D.R.Turner

8. Any Other Business – The Chairman invited questions or comments from the floor.
 - a. Mr. Brian Bennett, as Hon.Promotor of the Lottery, wished to reiterate the Chairman's comments in his report. Numbers were decreasing and as the proceeds from the Lottery went to the Youth and U.21 Sections of the Club he asked if Members present could possibly recruit friends, relatives, or join themselves to ensure the continuance of the Lottery for the benefit of the Young players.

Mr. Bennett then referred to the comments in the Chairman's Report regarding relocation, he knew it was still being pursued, with difficulties arising, and asked if the Chairman wished to comment on the current situation.

The Chairman stated that he had given a confident report on the relocation of Sections in his Annual Report but, unfortunately, it did not look as if the Sportlot funding would be as good as the Club had originally hoped. A water-based pitch was needed for the Hockey Section but it did not look as if this would be approved for a grant.

The Club had hoped to have at least a 50% - 70% grant from Sportlot to enable the plans at Cantonian to go ahead. Discussions were still taking

place with the Council but as yet nothing had been confirmed.

- b. A Member enquired as to how many people were in the Lottery, he had noticed that the numbers issued to members were high and assumed that it was well supported. He was informed that at present the membership was only 830, whereas it had been as high as 1900. Many people had withdrawn their contribution but as each person was issued with twelve numbers, it just appeared to be well supported.

Another Member enquired if the results of each draw could be announced over the tannoy system on match days. Mr.Bennett informed the Member that the numbers and names of winners were put on the Club's web site and published in the Western Mail but he would mention it to the relevant people regarding announcements on match days.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.24 p.m.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Management Committee for the past five years has had continuous disagreements and disputes with Cardiff RFC Ltd. Most of the problems between the two parties have been of Cardiff RFC Ltd. making, causing the Management Committee to have unnecessary long meetings. At some of these Committee meetings there have been heated debates but eventually there was always a good majority or unanimous vote in favour of protecting Cardiff Athletic Club and it's Members interests. Unfortunately we have had to employ a legal representative to advise and ensure the Committee made the correct decisions and to have extensive dealings with CRFC Ltd, Board Members and their representatives. Obviously this has caused us an unfortunate amount of expenditure on legal fees as the accounts for the year will show. As a result of some of these Committee meetings, we decided to remove Mr.Simon Webber from the Board of Cardiff RFC Ltd., as our representative and replace him with Mr. W.Hunt.

At our Management Committee meeting on Monday, 22nd July, 2002, it was agreed by all members present that we must make every effort to improve the relationship with Cardiff RFC Ltd. It was also agreed that the rules of Cardiff Athletic Club need upgrading. A Sub Committee has already met and has put forward recommendations. The Management Committee also recommended that the Members' Lounge of the Clubhouse should be improved and will examine the feasibility of an air conditioning system.

Due to work commitments, Mr. Mathew Phillips of the Cricket Section had to resign from the Management Committee. Mr.Edward Meggitt of the same Section has replaced him.

Most of you know the Gwyn Nicholls gates have at last been re-erected but at the entrance of the ground opposite the Angel Hotel. There was an opening day and reception before the rugby match on Boxing Day. Many guests were invited including members of the Nicholls family and our President, Mr.Bleddyn Williams, performed the opening ceremony.

Once again our Honorary Treasurer, Mr.David Cole, has provided us with a most satisfactory set of accounts. His diligent work since his co-option as a member of the Management Committee has been of inestimable value to Cardiff Athletic Club and it's Members. Many thanks David from us all for the endless voluntary hours you devote to the Club.

In my last Chairman's report, I was most hopeful that within a year all the four Sections of Cardiff Athletic Club would be in the throes of relocation by now. Unfortunately, very little progress has been made for any one of the four Sections let alone all of them. The proposed development at Cantonian High School looks

like being a failure. Despite the lack of complete support for a water based astro turf pitch in the development, the politicians supported us and advised us to make a Stage One application to Sportlot, which we did. The outcome of this application was a meeting with two representatives from Sportlot at the school ground where we were told there is now no support at all for an astro turf pitch of any type. The rest of the requirements for the other Sections i.e. Cricket, Rugby and Tennis, we were told would have to be scaled down.

The Relocation Sub Committee has now made four major attempts at relocating the four Sections. The amount of work and time these attempts at relocation have taken is beyond belief and frustratingly to no avail. However, all is not lost. Negotiations for the Cricket Section with U.W.I.C. at Llandaff are making progress. The Hockey Section will have to carry on as they are playing, predominantly at Sophia Gardens. The Tennis Section though may have the opportunity of amalgamating with a Cardiff suburban club. Youth Rugby at the moment is in 'limbo' as to whether it will need a pitch.

Now it comes to the really enjoyable part of my report that is to congratulate certain Sections of Cardiff Athletic Club: -

The Bowls Section for being runners up in their League and the same in the Private Clubs Bowling Combination.

The Cricket Section for being runners up in the South Wales Premier League and quarter finalists in the Welsh Cup. The second eleven as winners of their League and the third eleven as runners up in their League.

The Hockey Section Men's first team winning their league and gaining promotion for the second successive season, winning, unexpectedly, the Welsh Mens Cup. The Ladies 2nd XI for winning their League. The Youth U14's for winning the South Wales Final and being runners up for the Welsh Cup Final. The Men's and Ladies' first teams will be in the European Competition next season. The Ladies' teams of the Hockey Section organised a magnificent European Ladies Cup Tournament at Sophia Gardens. The organisation was virtually faultless and therefore a great advert for Cardiff Hockey Club and Cardiff City/Wales. Many, many thanks and congratulations to the lady in charge, Mrs. Julie Hunt.

The Rugby Section, U21's, who won their League and the Youth Fifteen retaining the Welsh Cup for the third successive season. I attended the final of the latter and enjoyed, in particular, the atmosphere between both sets of supporters. Some of the supporters of Aberavon were invited to enjoy the atmosphere in the Clubhouse after the game, which they appreciated.

Members, you have now read the success or near success of certain Sections of Cardiff Athletic Club. Sections that have no ground or Clubhouse of their own yet they are nearly all still thriving. Just imagine if they had a ground or a collective

ground of their own, how much more successful they, individually or collectively would be.

In conclusion I should like to thank all Members of the Management Committee for their support during the past year, especially Mr. David Herbert for his support as Vice Chairman.

The monthly Lottery continues to take place, which would not be the case without the voluntary support of four loyal members, Mr. Brian Bennett, Mrs. Cath Jones, Mr. Ken Jones and Mr. Graham Kierle. On behalf of the Club I thank you for devoting so much of your time to the Lottery.

Many thanks to the ground staff for their work at the Arms Park and the cricket ground at C.H.S.O.B. Mr. Karl Kruger Williams has completed a full year as Licensee of the Club. I thank him and his staff for the co-operation and assistance given to the Club and its Members during the year. Finally to Mrs. Jackie Flynn for all your work and extra hours you have given on behalf of the Management Committee, for the benefit of Cardiff Athletic Club.

May I wish Cardiff Rugby Football Club Ltd., every success for season 2002/3, both playing and financially.

Mervyn G.B. Warfield
Chairman of Management Committee

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting.

COMPENSATION INCOME

Compensation income is accounted for when received.

INCOME

All other 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.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis on fixtures/ground equipment, office furniture/equipment at a rate of 25% per annum.

No depreciation has been provided on freehold land and buildings. The property 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 Management Committee perform an annual impairment review in accordance with the requirements of FRS15 and FRS11 to ensure that the recoverable amount is not lower than the carrying value.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
STATEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

Statement of the Management Committee's responsibilities

The Management Committee are required to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club as at the end of the financial period and of the income and expenditure of the Club for that period. The Management Committee confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 May 2002. The Management Committee also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The Management Committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Club. The Management Committee are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Management Committee
M. Warfield
Chairman

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
Income			
Membership income		12,221	11,159
Interest receivable		27,500	39,366
Rental of CAP		77,737	75,000
Other income	1	19,777	24,452
		<u>137,235</u>	<u>149,977</u>
Expenditure			
Sectional expenditure	2	(47,316)	(45,688)
Ground and property maintenance	3	(6,005)	-
Insurance & professional charges	4	(22,094)	(18,596)
Stationery, telephone & sundries		(2,752)	(2,130)
Depreciation		(5,546)	(4,759)
Bank charges		(8)	(68)
		<u>(83,721)</u>	<u>(71,241)</u>
Operating surplus		53,514	78,736
Exceptional income	5	-	123,997
Surplus before taxation		53,514	202,733
Taxation	6	(18,625)	(25,500)
Surplus for the period	14	<u>34,889</u>	<u>177,233</u>

The Club has no gains or losses other than those included in the above account.
All the activities of the club are classed as continuing.
There is no difference between the result shown and its historical cost equivalent.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2002**

	Note	£	2002 £	£	2001 £
Fixed assets					
Land and buildings	7	2,144,261		2,144,261	
Other fixed assets	8	10,560		15,366	
			2,154,821		2,159,627
Investments	9		848,200		847,700
Current assets					
Debtors	10	47,164		39,246	
Bank and cash	11	683,653		683,922	
			730,817		723,168
Current liabilities					
Creditors – due less than 1 year	12	(53,347)		(74,603)	
Net current assets			677,470		648,565
Total assets less current liabilities			3,680,491		3,655,892
Deferred credit - assignment of ticket rights			(72,030)		(82,320)
			3,608,461		3,573,572
Total members' funds					
Members' fund	14		3,608,461		3,573,572
			3,608,461		3,573,572

The financial statements on pages 13 to 21 were approved by the members on and signed on behalf of the Management Committee by

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M. Warfield
Chairman

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D.P.E. Cole
Hon. Treasurer

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

	2002 £	2001 £
1. Other income		
Administration costs recovered and sundry income	1,061	1,037
Compensation income	8,426	13,125
Membership ticket rights transferred to Revenue	10,290	10,290
	19,777	24,452
2. Sectional expenditure		
Bowls	2,073	5,640
Cricket	18,722	17,512
Hockey	18,754	17,717
Tennis	1,550	1,983
Rugby	6,217	2,836
	47,316	45,688
3. Maintenance and utilities		
Property		
- improvement works not recovered	6,005	-
	6,005	-
4. Insurance and professional charges		
Audit & accountancy	2,200	2,000
Professional charges	19,894	16,596
	22,094	18,596

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

	2002 £	2001 £
5. Exceptional net income		
Compensation income	-	123,997
	<u>-</u>	<u>123,997</u>
6. Taxation		
Corporation tax charge	18,625	25,500
Prior year adjustment	-	-
	<u>18,625</u>	<u>25,500</u>

Taxation is due on income from non-mutual sources less an appropriate allocation of the expenditure.

7. Fixed assets : Cardiff Arms Park - freehold land and buildings

	Executive Boxes £	Ground Development £	Club House £	Bowls Pavilion £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 June 2001 & 31 May 2002	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,2922</u>	<u>2144,261</u>
Net book value					
At 1 June 2001 & 31 May 2002	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,2922</u>	<u>2144,261</u>

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

8. Other fixed assets

	Cricket fixtures/ground equipment £	Office furniture/ equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 June 2001	19,355	2,090	21,445
Additions	-	740	740
At 31 May 2002	<u>19,355</u>	<u>2,830</u>	<u>22,185</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 June 2001	5,348	731	6,079
Depreciation for period	4,839	707	5,546
At 31 May 2002	<u>10,187</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>11,625</u>
Net book value			
At 31 May 2002	<u>9,168</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>10,560</u>
At 31 May 2001	<u>14,007</u>	<u>1,359</u>	<u>15,366</u>

9. Investments

	2002 £	2001 £
At cost		
WRU - Debenture repayable 2033	93,000	92,500
WRU - Debenture repayable 2026 (both debentures are interest free)	5,200	5,200
Heritage shares in Cardiff RFC Ltd.	750,000	750,000
Ordinary shares of £1 each in Cardiff RFC Ltd.	500,000	500,000
Provision for permanent diminution in value of ordinary shares	(500,000)	(500,000)
	<u>848,200</u>	<u>847,700</u>

**CARDIFF RFC Limited
Ordinary Shares**

In the opinion of the Management Committee the Ordinary Shares have no financial value and accordingly full provision has been made against the cost of this investment.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

Heritage Shares

Due to the special rights attaching to the Heritage Shares it is the opinion of the Management Committee that the shares have a value not less than their original cost.

	2002 £	2001 £
10. Debtors		
VAT recoverable	753	1,086
Other debtors & prepayments	46,411	38,160
	<u>47,164</u>	<u>39,246</u>
11. Cash		
Bank and cash balances	<u>683,653</u>	<u>683,922</u>
12. Creditors - due less than one year		
Corporation tax	26,727	29,864
Other creditors and accruals	26,620	44,739
	<u>53,347</u>	<u>74,603</u>

13. Related party transactions

The club was under the control of the management committee throughout the year

The club's related parties at 31 May 2002, with whom the company has either entered into transactions or has balances with and which require disclosure under FRS8 are as follows :

Name	Nature of relationship	
Cardiff Rugby Football Club Ltd.	Significant influence	
Details of transactions with related parties, are		
Name	Nature of transaction	Income
Cardiff Rugby Football Club Ltd.	Rental income under non cancellable operating lease	£77,737

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

The Cardiff RFC Limited has an annual commitment to pay Cardiff Athletic Club £83,855 under a non cancellable operating lease of the rugby ground as from 1 February 2002.

The following balances are due from the clubs related parties at the year end:

Name	Nature of balance	£
Cardiff Rugby Football Club Ltd.	Unpaid rent and recharged expenses	£12,112

14. Reconciliation of movement in members' funds

	2002 £	2001 £
Revenue account		
At beginning of the year	3,573,572	3,396,339
Surplus for the year	34,889	177,233
At the end of the year	<u>3,608,461</u>	<u>3,573,572</u>
Amenities fund		
Gaming machine income	9,895	24,573
Licence fee	(3,633)	(3,621)
Machine rental	(3,907)	(3,536)
Security	(1,700)	-
	<u>(9,240)</u>	<u>(7,157)</u>
Surplus for the year	655	17,416
Opening balance on fund	-	4,972
	<u>655</u>	<u>22,388</u>
Facility improvements cost transferred	(655)	(22,388)
At end of year carried forward	-	-
Total membership funds	<u>3,608,461</u>	<u>3,573,572</u>

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

THIS STATEMENT IS NOT PART OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS

	2002 £	2001 £
15. Lottery fund		
Start of period	75,601	82,295
Ticket sales	58,302	59,778
Prizes and donations	(65,000)	(63,260)
Operating expenses	(2,525)	(3,277)
Interest income	57	65
End of period	<u>66,435</u>	<u>75,601</u>
Represented by :		
Cash at bank	66,435	75,601
Creditors	-	-
	<u>66,435</u>	<u>75,601</u>

The details of the Lottery Fund are included in the accounts for financial record purposes only. The lottery as registered is not subject to audit and functions under the sole control of its promoters and administrators. Its purpose is to support and promote the game of Rugby Union Football.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR TO 31ST MAY, 2002**

There was a surplus of £53,514 for the year before exceptional items and taxation as against £78,736 in prior year. Available rates of interest on the money market were at a lower level; this accounts for a large element of the reduction. Beyond our share of the cost of re-erecting the Gwyn Nicholls Gates at the Angel Entrance has been written off against Compensation income received in the year.

In 2000-01 the Club contributed to some extensive improvement to the Clubhouse for the benefit of membership; our share to be recovered from the Amenities Fund over a period. Unfortunately there has been a dramatic fall in revenue from the Gaming Machines and it was considered prudent to write off the remaining shortfall of £6,005.

With professional rugby transferred the Club has continued in its main objective – the pursuit of amateur sport under the approved sections.

As the premier multi-disciplined sports club in Cardiff it is right that our membership should aspire to perform at the highest available standard. It is inevitable that sectional costs will increase; however Central government has recognised the importance of active sport and it would appear that the Club will receive a limited amount of taxation relief.

As regards other expenditure Professional charges for the year, though necessary and without invitation, are at an unacceptable level.

**D.P.E. COLE
HON. TREASURER**

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

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

We have audited the financial statements on pages 15 to 21 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes. The lottery fund statement in note 15 is not included within the scope of our Audit Report.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AND AUDITORS**

As described in the statement of management committee responsibilities, the committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with Club Rules. We also report to you if, in our opinion the club has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law is not disclosed.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the management committee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Club's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error or other irregularity. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2002**

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs at 31 May 2002 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with Club Rules.

WATTS GREGORY
Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants
10/14 Museum Place
Cardiff CF10 3NZ

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CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEASON 2001/2002

The 125th Season of the Club can be described as one of celebration and disappointment. The various events held during the year were a great success but our failure at the final hurdle in both League and Cup was disappointing.

The Season began with the arrival of a new Director of Rugby, Rudy Joubert, and a new competition, the Celtic League. Injuries to many senior players meant we started the Season with a very young side and defeats to Connacht, Neath and Munster put paid to any progress in the Celtic League despite an excellent home victory over Newport.

Away form at the beginning of the Season was not always what it could be and three away defeats in the European Cup meant, for the first time, we failed to qualify for the quarterfinals. Having failed to progress in both Celtic and European Competitions was disappointing and also led to a very fragmented season with breaks of 5 and 6 weeks which did little to help the continuity of the side's progress.

Returning to League action at Christmas, with two wins, a draw and a defeat at Ebbw Vale, was to prove costly later in the season.

Action in the Principality Cup began the second half of the season with a hard-earned victory over Aberavon landing us a home tie with "Old enemies Newport". A full house witnessed a pulsating Cup-Tie with us running out victors 20-14. The Semi Final defeat by Pontypridd, despite out-scoring them 3 tries to 1, was again disappointing when we seemed capable of winning the game.

The end of the Season brought a run of five games in fifteen days and left us wondering about the allocation of fixtures when we had had weeks without games earlier in the season. Defeats away at Swansea and home to Llanelli were to end our chances of League success. Whilst we finished the season without any silverware the progression of some of the younger players during the season leaves us with plenty of hope for the future.

Many of these young players had appeared during the season for the U21's and had produced some excellent performances. Two defeats in sixteen matches meant the League was won and only an 18-15 defeat to Neath prevented a League and Cup double for this outstanding side. The hard work of the Coaches, Mike Rayer and Howard Stone in the Cardiff Academy, will in the future pay dividends to the Club.

The Youth XV, under the guidance of Gerry Roberts and Huw Daniels, has had another outstanding season and retained the Welsh Cup for the third successive season. The hard work of Chairman, Jim O'Donnell, and his Committee has maintained the highest standards. The Academy's end of season tour to Poland will provide great experience for both U21 and Youth Players who took part. One victory and one defeat, at the end of a hard season, was a very creditable performance.

The Club's International Representation at all levels continues to grow and the Club is proud of their achievements. David Young captained the Club for the fourth season and we wish him well as he moves towards coaching and his experience will be invaluable to the Club. John Humphreys and Craig Quinnell have departed the Club during the summer and we wish them well in England. Craig has worked hard for the Club in the few seasons he has been with us and John has been a tremendous ambassador for our Club for more than a decade, during which time he captained Club and Country. On behalf of all Members, I wish them both well.

Robert Norster's arrival as Chief Executive has helped structure the Club and I wish Bob and his office staff every success for the future. Coach, Rudy Joubert, Assistant Coach, Geraint John, Fitness Coach, Huw Wiltshire, Analyst, Alun Carter, Physiotherapists, Mrs. Jane James and Hywel Griffiths, Masseur, Wayne Mortimer, Doctors, Roger Evans, Prof. John Williams, Mr. John Fairclough, Mr. Mike Fardy, Dr. Richard Evans, Dr. Jim Naysmith, Dr. Malcolm Snow, Mr. Geoff Graham and Optician, Frank Mahoney, Dentist Geoff Price and Media Officer, Alan Evans, are all responsible for the effective running of the team and we thank them all.

The Rugby Committee continues with its support of the Club and Teams of all levels and my thanks go to one and all, especially Hon. Secretary, Brian Bennett. Many thanks to Vicky McCracken and Jackie Flynn for their valuable work. The Management Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mervyn Warfield, continues as Landlords of the Rugby Club and a close working relationship is essential for the success of the Club.

The Board of Directors continues to support the running of a successful Club. To Brian Walker and his groundstaff and Karl Williams and bar staff many thanks.

The Lottery continues to raise monies for the development of rugby and special thanks to Kath and Ken Jones, Graham Kierle and Brian Bennett. The Supporters Club, under the Chairmanship of Simon Down, continues to grow and we thank him and his Committee for the tremendous support during the season. Capital Rugby goes from strength to strength and it is wonderful to see so many children taking to the field at pre-match tournaments. Long may it continue.

I would like to end by thanking all Members for their support during the past season. As I mentioned earlier the disruption of fixtures e.g. Friday night games, Saturday evening games, is frustrating for everyone and while we all hope for a more structured season the support of the Members is vital for the continued success of this great Club.

Cardiff Rugby Club looks forward to your loyal support next season.

Yours in Rugby
ROBERT LAKIN

1st XV 2001 – 2002

			SCORE FOR					SCORE AGAINST					
DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A Res.	G	T	DG	PG	Pts	G	T	DG	PG	Pts	
Aug 18 (CL)	CONNACHT	H Lost				1	3				2	6	
24 (WS)(CL)	NEATH	A Lost	2				14	1		1	5	25	
29 (WS)(CL)	NEWPORT	H Won	2			2	20	2				14	
Sept 1 (WS)(CL)	CAERPHILLY	A Won	5	1		3	49	1	1		1	15	
11 (WS)(CL)	EDINBURGH	H Won	3	1		2	32	1	1	1	3	24	
15 (CL)	MUNSTER	A Lost	1			1	10	4	4		1	51	
22 (WS)	SWANSEA	H Won	2	1		2	25	1			2	13	
28 (E)	NORTHAMPTON	H Won	2	1		2	25	2			1	17	
Oct 6 (E)	MONTFERRAND	A Lost	1			1	10	3	2		2	37	
20 (WS)	LLANELLI	A Lost	2	1		2	25	1			7	28	
27 (E)	GLASGOW	H Won	5	1		2	46	1				7	
Nov 4 (E)	GLASGOW	A Lost	3	1		2	32	3	1		7	47	
24	CAMBRIDGE UNI	H Won	5	1			40		1		2	11	
Dec 15 (WS)	NEATH	H Won	1		1	2	16			2	2	12	
22 (WS)	BRIDGEND	A Drew	2	1		2	25	2	1		2	25	
26 (WS)	PONTYPRIDD	H Won	2	1		3	28	2			2	20	
29 (WS)	EBBW VALE	A Lost	2			2	20	1			5	22	
Jan 5 (E)	MONTFERRAND	H Won	2			4	26		1		5	20	
12 (E)	NORTHAMPTON	A Lost				5	15	2		1	3	26	
19 (WS)	GLASGOW	H Won	3	1		1	29				4	12	
Feb 9	RUMNEY	H Won	4	4			48	1				7	
23 (CUP)	ABERAVON	A Won	1	1		4	24	1		1	2	16	
Mar 9 (WS)	EBBW VALE	H Won	1	2		3	26	1			3	16	
16 (WS)	PONTYPRIDD	A Won	1	1		3	21				6	18	
29 (CUP)	NEWPORT	H Won	2			2	20		1		3	14	
Apr 13 (CUP)	PONTYPRIDD	MILL ST Lost	2	1		2	25	1			8	31	
17 (WS)	CAERPHILLY	H Won	3			2	27	1			3	16	
19 (WS)	EDINBURGH	A Lost	1			1	10	3	1		2	32	
26 (WS)	NEWPORT	A Won	2			1	17		1	1	2	14	
30 (WS)	GLASGOW	A Won		2		4	22	1			4	19	
May 4 (WS)	SWANSEA	A Lost	2			2	20	1	1		4	24	
7 (WS)	BRIDGEND	H Won	5			4	47	3			2	27	
10 (WS)	LLANELLI	H Lost	2	1		2	25	2	1		3	28	
Played 33	Won 20	Drew 1	Lost 12	71	23	1	69	822	42	17	7	98	694

OTHER MATCH STATISTICS

	P	W	L	D	G	T	DG	PG	Pts	G	T	DG	PG	Pts
	Score For									Score Against				
WELSH SCOTTISH	20	13	6	1	43	13	1	43	498	24	7	5	62	404
EUROPE	6	3	3	0	13	3	–	16	154	11	4	1	18	154
CUP	3	2	1	0	5	2	–	8	69	2	1	1	13	61
FRIENDLY	2	2	0	0	9	5	–	–	88	1	1	–	2	18
CELTIC LEAGUE	6	3	3	0	13	2	–	9	128	9	6	2	12	135
TOTAL	33	20	12	1	71	23	1	69	822	42	17	7	98	694
Tries 94	Conversions 71									PG 69				
										DG 1				

Points Scorers (822)

Iestyn Harris	199 (6T, 29C, 37PG)	Greg Woods	10
Nick Robinson	184 (6T, 32C, 29PG, 1DG)	Peter Rogers	10
Rhys Williams	75	Nick McLeod	8 (4c)
Craig Hudson	50	Dean Dewdney	7 (1T, 1C)
Anthony Sullivan	50	Emyr Lewis	5
Matt Allen	35	Ken Fourie	5
Jamie Robinson	30	Craig Quinnett	5
Robert Howley	20	Spencer John	5
Andrew Henry	20	Nick Walne	5
Neil Jenkins	19 (5c, 3PG)	Martyn Williams	5
Peter Muller	15	Liam Roberts	5
Gary Powell	10	Adam Jones	5
Ryan Powell	10	Francois Mounier	5
Semo Sititi	10	Jim Brownrigg	5
Jonathan Humphreys	10		

Penalty Goals (69) Conversions (71) Drop Goals (1)

Iestyn Harris	37	Nick Robinson	32	Nick Robinson	1
Nick Robinson	29	Iestyn Harris	29		
Neil Jenkins	3	Neil Jenkins	5		
		Nick MacLeod	4		
		Dean Dewdney	1		

Try Scorers (94)

Rhys Williams	15	Peter Muller	3	Spencer John	1
Craig Hudson	10	Jonathan Humphreys	2	Adam Jones	1
Anthony Sullivan	10	Gary Powell	2	Ken Fourie	1
Matt Allen	7	Ryan Powell	2	Emyr Lewis	1
Iestyn Harris	6	Peter Rogers	2	Francois Mounier	1
Jamie Robinson	6	Semo Sititi	2	Craig Quinell	1
Nick Robinson	6	Greg Woods	2	Liam Roberts	1
Andrew Henry	4	Jim Brownrigg	1	Nick Walne	1
Robert Howley	4	Dean Dewdney	1	Martyn Williams	1

2001-2002 Appearances including subs

* Rob Appleyard	30	(28+2)	Martyn Williams	15	(11+4)
* Matt Allen	30	(22+8)	Greg Woods	15	(6+9)
Rhys Williams	28	(27+1)	Francois Mounier	14	(11+3)
John Tait	27	(26+1)	Andrew Henry	13	(11+2)
Andrew Lewis	27	(13+14)	Robin Sowden-Taylor	12	(5+7)
Jamie Robinson	24	(21+3)	Luke Tait	10	(3+7)
* Nick Robinson	24	(20+4)	Dan McShane	7	(4+3)
* Anthony Sullivan	22		Nick Walne	6	(5+1)
Spencer John	22	(20+2)	Dan Baugh	6	(4+2)
Craig Quinell	22	(20+2)	Greg Kacala	6	(3+3)
Peter Muller	22	(19+3)	Paul Jones	6	(1+5)
* Peter Rogers	22	(11+11)	Andrew Booth	6	(4+2)
Emyr Lewis	21	(19+2)	Jim Brownrigg	3	(2+1)
* Adam Jones	20	(16+4)	Neil Jenkins	3	(1+2)
Jonathan Humphreys	20	(14+6)	Liam Roberts	3	(1+2)
David Young	20	(13+7)	Owain Ashman	2	(1+1)
* Gary Powell	20	(11+9)	Nick Wakeley	2	(1+1)
Iestyn Harris	18	(14+4)	Dean Dewdney	1	
Robert Howley	18	(13+5)	Matthew Griffin	1	
Ken Fourie	18	(11+7)	Nick MacLeod	1	
Craig Morgan	17		Scott Headington	1	(0+1)
Ryan Powell	17	(15+2)	James Malpas	1	(0+1)
Craig Hudson	15	(14+1)	Chris Miller	1	(0+1)
Semo Sititi	15	(12+3)			

* denotes new cap

Under-21 XV 2001 – 2002

			SCORE FOR					SCORE AGAINST				
DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A Res.	G	T	DG	PG	Pts	G	T	DG	PG	Pts
Aug. 29	(L) CAERPHILLY	A Won	3			3	30				1	3
Sep. 8	(L) SWANSEA	H Lost	3	1	1		29	2	1	1	3	31
15	(L) LLANELLI	H Won	2	1		1	22	1			2	13
22	(L) NEWPORT	A Won	3			1	24				1	3
29	LLANTWIT MAJ	A Won	7	3			64		1			5
Oct. 13	LLANDAFF	A Won	5	6			65	1				7
20	(L) EBBW VALE	H Won	1	1		3	21	1			1	10
31	(L) NEATH	A Won	1	3			22	1			4	19
Nov. 16	(L) BRIDGEND	H Won	4			1	31	1				7
28	(L) CAERPHILLY	H Won	1	4		1	30		1			5
Dec. 15	(L) SWANSEA	A Won	4	2		1	41	1	1		1	15
27	PENARTH	A Won	4	4			48				1	3
Jan. 5	(L) LLANELLI	A Lost		1		2	11		2		1	13
12	(L) NEWPORT	H Won	2		1	3	26	1				7
17	(L) PONTYPRIDD	A Won	3	1		1	29	1			2	13
Feb. 6	(L) EBBW VALE	A Won	2			2	20	1			2	13
20	(L) NEATH	H Won		4		1	23		1		1	8
Mar 2	EXETER	H Won	6				42				2	6
13	(L) PONTYPRIDD	H Won	1	2			17		1			5
27	(CUP) NEWPORT	H Won	1	2		1	20		2		1	13
Apr. 12	(CUP) LLANELLI	H Won	1			2	13				2	6
20	(L) BRIDGEND	A Won	1	2	1	2	26	2			2	20
24	(CUP) NEATH	Brewer Field Lost	1	1		1	15	1	1		2	18
27	POLAND DEVELOPMENT XV	A Lost	2	3			29	2	3	1	1	35
29	POLAND U20	A Won	3	2			31	1	3			22
LEAGUE P 16 W 14 D 0 L 2			31	22	3	22	402	12	7	1	21	185
CUP P 3 W 2 D 0 L 1			3	3		4	48	1	3		5	37
FRIENDLY P 6 W 5 D 0 L 1			27	18			279	4	7	1	4	78
TOTALS P 25 W 21 D 0 L 4			61	43	3	26	729	17	17	2	30	300

Tries 104

Conversions 61

PG 26

DG 3

Points Scorers (729)

Chris Anderson	120	(6T,27C,11PG,1DG)	Richard Jones	10	
Nick MacLeod	102	(27C, 15PG, 1DG)	Liam Roberts	10	
Owain Ashman	61	(10T, 4C, 1DG)	Tom Roberts	10	
Scott Headington	45		Darren Ryan	10	
Geraint Williams	45		Luke Tait	10	
Elgan Jones	30		Phil Wheeler	10	
Chris Stamatakis	30		Dean Watkins	6	(3C)
Huw Davidson	25		Rob Andrews	5	
Dan McShane	25		Jamie Hall	5	
Robin Sowden-Taylor	25		Khalid Jama	5	
Andrew Henry	20		Robert Lamb	5	
Michael Leaman	20		Marcus Leach	5	
Gareth Knight	15		Nathan Llewellyn	5	
Chris Miller	15		Rob Meredith	5	
Lee Mullane	15		Gary Powell	5	
Nick Wakeley	15		Jamie Turner	5	
Darren Fenton	10				

Penalty Goals (26) Conversions (61) Drop Goals (3)

Nick MacLeod	15	Nick MacLeod	27	Nick MacLeod	1
Chris Anderson	11	Chris Anderson	27	Chris Anderson	1
		Owain Ashman	4	Owain Ashman	1
		Dean Watkins	3		

Try Scorers (104)

Owain Ashman	10	Gareth Knight	3	Rob Andrews	1
Scott Headington	9	Chris Miller	3	Jamie Hall	1
Geraint Williams	9	Lee Mullane	3	Khalid Jama	1
Chris Anderson	6	Nick Wakeley	3	Robert Lamb	1
Elgan Jones	6	Darren Fenton	2	Marcus Leach	1
Chris Stamatakis	6	Richard Jones	2	Nathan Llewellyn	1
Huw Davidson	5	Liam Roberts	2	Rob Meredith	1
Dan McShane	5	Tom Roberts	2	Gary Powell	1
Robin Sowden-Taylor	5	Darren Ryan	2	Jamie Turner	1
Andrew Henry	4	Luke Tait	2		
Michael Leaman	4	Phil Wheeler	2		

2001-2002 Appearances including subs

Chris Stamatakis	24	(21+3)	Richard Jones	5	(4+1)
Owain Ashman	23		Gareth Knight	5	(3+2)
Geraint Williams	21	(20+1)	Rob Andrews	4	
Rob Meredith	17		Gary Powell	4	
Chris Miller	17	(15+2)	Matthew Griffin	4	(3+1)
Chris Anderson	17	(14+3)	Jamie Turner	4	(3+1)
Khalid Jama	17	(13+4)	Naz Saeed	4	(1+3)
Alan Davidson	17	(7+10)	James Goode	3	
Elgan Jones	16	(15+1)	Nick Hampson	3	
Nick MacLeod	16	(14+2)	Robert Lamb	3	
Darren Fenton	16	(10+6)	Nick Wakeley	3	
Luke Tait	15	(13+2)	Jamie Hall	3	(2+1)
Michael Leaman	15	(13+2)	Mark Devine	5	(3+2)
Tom Roberts	14	(10+4)	Ken Fourie	2	
Scott Headington	14	(8+6)	Jonathan Humphreys	2	
Darren Ryan	13	(11+2)	Greg Woods	2	
Dan McShane	12		Jeff Steele	2	(1+1)
Robin Sowden-Taylor	12	(10+2)	David Tame	2	(0+2)
Lee Mullane	12	(7+5)	Leon Andrews	1	
Liam Roberts	11	(10+1)	Ian Carter	1	
Darryl Wilson	11	(10+1)	Lewis Collins	1	
Nathan Llewellyn	10	(6+4)	Andrew Gardner	1	
David Evans	10	(3+7)	Emyr Lewis	1	
John Stringer	9	(8+1)	Ryan Powell	1	
John Yapp	9	(5+4)	Rob Saunders	1	
James Malpas	8	(7+1)	Dean Watkins	1	
Huw Davidson	8	(4+4)	Aled Williams	1	
Marcus Leach	5		James Huntley	1	(0+1)
Phil Wheeler	5		Tim Lloyd	1	(0+1)
Andrew Henry	5	(4+1)			

YOUTH TEAM REPORT 2001-2002

In my first report as Youth team Secretary, the Cardiff Youth team won the Welsh Youth Cup, defeating Pontypool at the old National Stadium; in this, my last, the team repeated the victory, this time against Aberavon at the new Millennium Stadium to win the Cup for the tenth time in total and the third time consecutively, the only Youth team with such a record.

In the BT Dragons' Trust League Premier Division 1a, this season, they finished runners-up to Tonyrefail, a team they beat twice in the League but found themselves having four points deducted from their total for fielding ineligible players in the first two games. They were unable to complete their fixtures as the away game against London Welsh was postponed and an alternative date later in the season proved impossible to arrange.

Nonetheless, as runners up, they still progressed to the semi-finals of the Play-offs where they met Swansea, who defeated them and who then went on to lose, comprehensively, to Newport in the Final.

In these times of ever lengthening seasons, it now seems an age since the League season kicked off on the 1st September, with a home fixture against London Welsh which was played at the University complex at Llanrumney. This turned out to be a ten try extravaganza, with two tries from full back, Mathew Taylor and single tries for David Tame, Richard Jones, Lewis Collins, Gareth Knight, Marc Burge, Gareth Howard, Tim Brotherton and Lee Thomas. Nick MacLeod added a penalty and four conversions to give Cardiff a 61-5 winning margin. There followed, in quick succession, victories away against Merthyr 50-10 and Steelers, at Cardiff Arms Park by 39-7.

The League continued into October with a 17-9, hard fought victory against a physically smaller but very competitive Tonyrefail side. The end of October should have seen a fixture against Ystradgynlais but this was postponed and later they withdrew from the League.

The League, for Cardiff continued in December, with fixtures against Merthyr and Tonyrefail, both at home, resulting in two more victories, 47-10 against Merthyr and an extremely tight, in fact too tight for comfort, 13-12 against Tonyrefail.

The last League fixture was not played until 30th March and was against Steelers, away, at Eugene Cross Park. This resulted in the first League defeat by 20-3 which resulted in Cardiff filling the runners-up spot in Premier Division 1a. It also meant that they went straight into the semi-finals against Swansea instead of having to play Newport in a play off to reach the semi-finals.

This game was played at St. Helens Ground in glorious sunshine. The two teams scored a brace of tries apiece, but Swansea converted one of theirs and added a penalty goal to make the final score 17-10.

In terms of friendly games, these were represented by fixtures against Swansea in September, again in good weather, at St. Helens, which resulted in the first loss albeit

a close one by 20-15, a narrow win at the Arms Park against Glamorgan Wanderers and the narrowest of losses to Newport by 14 points to 13.

The away trip to Exeter just before the new year showed an 11 points to 3 victory whilst the boys put on a superb display in January, in appalling conditions to record a 41-5 victory against London Irish. The final friendly of the season was an away game against Bristol and this resulted in a good 29-5 win. Unfortunately, games which had been arranged against Leicester, Wasps, (2), Bath, Leeds Rhinos, the Saracens and the return game against Exeter were not able to be played.

The quest for the retention of the Welsh Cup started off away to Penclawdd where the hospitality extended easily exceeded the number of cockles in the estuary. The weather was not too clement and the team ground out a victory by 24-6, earning them an away tie against Vardre United. Again, the conditions were dreadful and the team did just enough to win by 14-10.

This earned them two consecutive home draws, firstly against Pontypool & United. This proved a nail biting experience for the supporters for having built up a 19-0 lead by half time and appeared to be cruising, they then proceeded to let Pontypool score 17 points back and spent the last quarter defending heroically.

It was back to Cardiff Arms Park for the semi-final against Newport and again the team built up a 25-5 lead by the second half, only to find Newport coming back with a vengeance scoring two tries, a penalty and a conversion without reply. It was not a game for the weak hearted with Cardiff forced to defend their line for the last ten minutes without respite, for the second consecutive game. This was undoubtedly their finest game of the season and took them through to the Final against Aberavon who had defeated Swansea in their semi-final.

This was a scrappy game with Cardiff leading by 16-15 by half time through a try from scrum half, Rob Saunders, converted by Dean Watkins and three Dean Watkins penalties. Aberavon replied with two tries, a penalty and a conversion.

The only scores of the second half resulted from what seemed to be Cardiff's only two excursions into the Aberavon half resulting in two further penalties to Dean Watkins.

The Cup was Cardiff's for the third year running. Cardiff are the first team to achieve this feat. Overall, it was their tenth Cup Final win in the thirty years of the competition in what was their thirteenth appearance in the Final.

The team was admirably led by Dean Watkins, who whether playing at full back or outside half always managed to keep the team going forward and kept the scoreboard ticking over with his kicks. In the powerhouse, locks Gareth Knight and James Goode were excellent, both in ball winning ability and handling skills.

In this day and age, however, with both Schools and Youth vying for effectively the same players, Youth teams are suffering from the loss through unavailability of the better players through what seems to be ever demanding calls from the Schools and from International squad sessions.

Such disruption did affect the coaches' ability to select the team of their choice, as did the unfortunate throughput of players in the team during the season with players leaving the squad for various reasons and having to be replaced by newcomers. In some games only three replacements were available and in one game, due to unavailability, there was a flanker at full back, a hooker in the centre and a second row forward on the wing.

In terms of International representation, David Tame, Lee Thomas, Nick MacLeod and James Malpas were selected to represent Wales in the under 19 World Cup and Schools honours went to Stephen Ireland, Lee Thomas, Ben Thompson, Ben Collins and Peter de Snyder. Rugby League caps went to John Breakingbury and Marc Burge before their respective departures from the squad.

Richard Jones, Nick MacLeod and James Malpas were de-registered as Youth players in order that they could play for the under 21 team but Nick was re-registered in time to play in the Cup Final.

I have, as always, to thank all those who have supported and encouraged the team throughout the year. My thanks especially go to Gerry Roberts and Hugh Daniels for a splendid job of coaching, to Youth Chairman, Jim O'Donnell and the committee, to Billy Woods for his untiring work in raising morale and funds, to Club Secretary, Brian Bennett for his assistance and support both on and off the field. To the supporters' Club for their efforts on behalf of the Youth, and, as always to Ken and Kath Jones and the Lottery. Finally, to Vicky, in the rugby office for her help and for her assistance over a period of many years.

To Karl Williams and his staff in the Clubhouse are due our gratitude as is Mike whose provision of meals and rolls for consumption at Llanrumney after matches was superb. Whilst the playing facilities at Llanrumney are excellent, it is simply not possible to entertain the opposing team and committee after the game because of the lack of licensed or indeed any other liquid facilities, other than a coin in the slot tea or soft drink machine. Too often, it seemed, last season because of our inability to take opposing teams back to our Clubhouse, entertainment was limited to a box of rolls in the Pavilion which, for a Club of Cardiff's stature was far from satisfactory.

As I leave the Secretaryship after eight happy years, I wish all the players Good Luck for their future, good health to the Committee who have supported me so well and prosperity to the greatest rugby Club in the world.

RESULTS

P	W	D	L	Pts For	Pts Against
21	17	0	4	540	226

MICHAEL RYAN
YOUTH TEAM SECRETARY
June, 2002.

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2001

I ended my 2000 report praising the loyalty of our membership. In 2001, that loyalty was rewarded with a successful season.

After early exit from the English Cup at Bath, the First X1 under new captain Robbie Weston, enjoyed mostly good results, finishing runners-up in the inaugural season of the South Wales Premier League and reaching the Welsh Cup semi-final where we lost at Neath. The team was stronger than recently with some good young cricketers joining the Club. One of these was Alex French, who ousted Richard Almond from the top of the league batting averages with 474 runs at an average of 52.67 and highest score of 133 versus Abergavenny. Alex was also a useful off-spinner and fielder. Richard may be disappointed with 502 runs at 50.2, which underlines his own high standards. Robbie Weston aggregated 400 league runs at 33.33 and Dave Kirtley 24 at 31.56. Chris Fowler was leading league wicket taker with 27 for 515 runs at average 19.07. New player Mark Horrocks showed plenty of pace to take 17 wickets for 497 at 29.24, while Matt Phillips took 14 for 367 at 26.21. Veteran Scotsman Mark Watt gained 8 wickets for 326 runs with his steady medium pace, while Neil Buttigieg kept wicket to his usual high standards.

It was decided to merge our Second and Third X1s to give two teams of roughly equal ability. The intention was firstly to gain promotion for the Third X1 and so the highest standard of cricket possible for our lower teams and, secondly, to provide two teams with a mix experience and youth to aid the development of the better young cricketers.

The Second X1 Captain had a new captain as the experienced Wally Carter guided us to a remarkable third successive league title, despite the loss of some of the more mature players to the Third X1. The influx of new players and return of some old friends made a significant difference. The Meggitt brothers led the batting with Richard scoring 455 runs at 65.00 and Ed, 377 runs at 53.86. Owen Thomas gained 17 wickets at 12.18 with this off-spin, while Rhys Harrington (11 at 30.27) and Jeff Mitchell (14 at 34.00) lent support. Young Hugh Carter (10 at 13.50) showed promise.

As the other half of the mix, it seemed for some time that the Third X1, also under a new captain in John Rees, might be champions but a loss to Lisvane meant the runners-up spot. However, the target of promotion to the Conference top division was secured. Sean Muller led the batting with 290 runs at 72.50, although Rob Powell (362 at 60.33), Dave Spence (451 at 56.38) and Abbas (242 at 48.40) performed with distinction. Of the bowlers, 'Jimmy' Khan showed too much pace for most opposing batsmen, taking 20 wickets at 7.70, while Matt Gough (17 at 12.12), Rob Powell (14 at 12.14), John Rees (10 at 12.70) and Chris Davies (18 at 15.56) all bowled well.

No change at the top for the Fourth X1 with Phil Harrington still in the driving seat and Henry Burns back as co-pilot. In 1999 this team comprised these two seniors and some fourteen year-olds and in 2001 it was these grizzled veterans, now accompanied by the same group of sixteen year-olds. The latter provided most of the fireworks, notably in the batting. Kemal Mitha led the averages with 284 runs at 56.80, Lloyd Sutton scored 225 at 56.25, Steve Clarke 235 at 47.00 (including 112* v. Tonyrefail), Henry Burns 464 at 46.40 (including 106 v. Pontllanfraith) and Mansoor Tariq (268 at 44.67 including 106 v. Pentwyn),

Our Fifth X1 reformed with our talented Under 14 X1 as the bulk of the side. Captaining them was rewarding as their ability generally outweighed their inexperience. A comfortable mid-table position was gained. Matthew Preece scored most runs and off-spinner Steve Johns took most wickets. These two provided the highlights of the season. Needing 133 to win at eventual champions Porth and Ton Pentre, we were in disarray at 17 for 4 in the ninth over but Matthew's superb 81 saw us home by four wickets. At Ponthir, Steve took 6-18 including a hat trick to finish the match. Will Jones and Jamie Roberts showed promise as opening bowlers, while Darren Hales and Mohammed Usman were effective all-rounders. Steve Johns bowled off-spin with impressive control for his age. Alan Thomas displayed good technique and a mature 13 year old head when he came into the side.

The youth teams enjoyed some success this year and thanks go to the various coaches and team managers. A difficulty was the small number of adults available to assist with practice nights, particularly a lack of qualified coaches - a vital commodity in these litigious times. This issue was discussed at a Club Forum held in the winter and should be addressed by the new committee as a matter of priority.

A major disappointment remains the lack of progress with a new ground. The Athletic Club has focussed on a development based on Cantonian High School, while cricket has discussed an exciting proposal to develop a new pitch at UQIC, Llandaff. The proposed pavilion to serve this ground is a sensitive planning and conversation issue but progress is ongoing.

The former East Wales Cricket League achieved Premier League accreditation from the ECB. In consequence, the First X1 play 55-over draw cricket, not wholly popular with the players. We hope this accreditation will draw the West Wales Clubs into a merger, although this does not seem imminent.

Thanks go to those who have worked on behalf of the club over the past twelve months with special mention of Andy Rutter, standing down as Secretary due to additional work and domestic commitments. He has performed his duties in a quietly but efficient manner and his value will be appreciated the more when he takes a background role. I must also mention Rob Powell who, although new to the Committee, has done an excellent job in arranging problem-free fixtures and also put together our social events. Thanks go to all the club officers, the captains,

committee members, youth managers and coaches and to Mrs. Hales who assisted with the administration of the youth teams.

It has been an enjoyable and stimulating season and, consequently, a rewarding year. My comments at the end of my 2000 report have proved more prescient than I imagined. We remain without a ground but the heart and soul of the club are strong and we maintain our position as one of the leading cricket clubs in Wales.

TONY EDWARDS
Chairman

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2000-2001

The 2000 season was brought to a close with a well supported and highly enjoyable weekend tour to Torquay in November, followed by our Annual Presentation Dinner and Dance in December. With a slight change in format and a distinct Christmas theme the latter event was a great success. Our principal guests were the Club President, Bleddyn Williams and Albert Beavan, WPGA Eastern Section President.

As in the previous year we kicked off the new season with a bowling tour to Spain in March. This time we went to Benidorm on the Costa Blanca. Not quite as enjoyable in my view as the previous trip to Fuengirola we still had a pleasant break in the sun, the lucky ones came back with trophies and most of us much fitter for the regular climb back up the hill to the hotel each night. Next year as a change from Spain we are considering a tour to Scotland and I hope this will gain your support.

The green was formally opened for the 2001 season on Maundy Thursday by the new WPGA President, Brian Davies. Our traditional Opening Night followed in the pavilion. The opportunity was taken that night to say farewell and express our thanks to Jeff Ellerman and his son Darren for their help and friendship during Jeff's stewardship of the Athletic Club. Suitable presentations were made to Jeff and Betty and to Darren. That night Martyn Taylor also formally presented to us his late father's treasured collection of silver spoons won at bowls when a member of the Club. His father Albert Taylor was Club Captain in 1947. These most attractive spoons are now on display in the pavilion and a source of much interest by visiting players.

In their second year in charge of our green Avon Sportsground Maintenance Co. have worked wonders and given us this season one of the best playing surfaces in the area. There are still a few quirks to iron out but I am confident these will be addressed next season and once again we will have a green to be proud of and on which it will be a delight to bowl. Our thanks are due to the Cardiff Athletic Club Management Committee on agreeing to the retention of Avon. We also owe them thanks for agreeing to meet the cost of paving the surrounds on the west and south sides of the green. This has given us a much more attractive bowling arena, which is relatively maintenance free and better suited to our barbecue evenings. Thanks to Dave Pritchard and Jim Cornish for their sterling work in planting and maintaining the flower beds around the green. Next year we hope to look at improvements to the pavilion and provision of a permanent barbecue facility.

The Club participated again this season in the WBA's Development Plan or junior bowls initiative, introducing schoolchildren to the game of bowls. The schools involved were again St.Paul's Primary School, Grangetown and Kitchener Road School, Canton. Thanks again to our "coaching staff", Jack Gardner, Graham

Hammond and David Pritchard and the other members who turned up when they could to help them.

I will refer only briefly to the playing side of our year as the Club Captain, David Pritchard will be submitting his own report. While it was disappointing that the Club side finally finished second in the league missing out on promotion to the first division by only three points, we can, I think, still take heart from the season. We recorded some excellent wins and closed the season by again reaching the final of the PCBC competition, where for the second year Barry Athletic proved just too strong.

David Pritchard has worked tirelessly throughout the year as Club Captain, both on and off the green and deserves our special thanks. I would also record our thanks to Harold Powell, the "A" side Captain, for his hard work and commitment on our behalf. I must also thank Les Hazell for again organising our Club Competitions and congratulate Malcolm Gilmore on winning the Club Championship, the two wood singles and with David Hayes the four wood pairs. Congratulations also to Alan Baldwin on winning the over sixty competition for the second year running and Phil Parsons on winning both the handicap and seven up competitions. Thanks to, to Bernard Carter and Dave Morris for running our Spoons Nights and to Charles Ayres for a full Alliance programme.

Our best wishes to those who have suffered from ill health during the year. May the next year bring them better fortune. Our sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones in the last twelve months. We shall particularly miss, but long remember, Brin Hawkins who sadly passed away last year.

The Section Committee have given me every support during the year and I am indebted to all of them. Special thanks are due to our Secretary, Bob Williams, Fixture Secretary, Alan Blackmore and Treasurer, Les Hazell. They do all of the work, much of it unseen, and make my job easy. Finally, I would again record the Club's most grateful thanks and appreciation to our "Tea Ladies" who continue to provide us with excellent fare at all our home matches.

In conclusion I would suggest that the 2000-2001 season has been an encouraging one for the Club, both on and off the green. Social activities have been well supported and we have enjoyed greater success on the green than for some years. In my view there has been an excellent spirit within the Club during the last year and I believe that we can build on this and it will lead us to greater success. Most important, I think, is that overall we have appeared to be a happy Club and if seen as such by others this will help us to attract new players. The dramatic improvement in our green must also help. It was particularly pleasing to me to see the number of new members who have joined in the last year and how readily they have been accepted. I am sure we can look forward to the next few seasons with optimism.

BERT SAUNDERS
Chairman

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2001-2002 YOUTH SUCCESS BODES WELL FOR THE FUTURE

Cardiff Hockey Club has enjoyed another full hockey programme with successes to be reported in the Mens, Ladies & Youth Sections. The Club now runs 5 Mens teams, 2 Ladies teams and 5 Youth teams (2 at U10 and also U12, U14 and U16).

Whilst the Hockey Section remains without a permanent home and astro pitch, the Club remains strong and many visiting teams remark upon the relaxed and friendly Club spirit. Home games are currently played at Sophia Gardens, Tal-y-bont, Leckwith Stadium and Treforest. The Poacher's Lodge in Sophia Gardens has provided a temporary home and their support is much appreciated.

The highlight of the Ladies year was hosting the European "B" Division Cup Winners Cup tournament over the Easter break. Eight teams participated with Cardiff playing teams from Greece, Czech Republic and Belgium. After the group stage, Cardiff played Lille Metropole in the 3 / 4 play-off, unfortunately losing on penalties after drawing 1-1.

Fourth place in a tournament of this strength is a fine achievement and our congratulations go to all the squad, led by Captain, Deb Salt. The club is grateful for the support of the Welsh Hockey Union, Welsh Institute for Sport and the Sports Council for Wales. We are particularly grateful however to the Athletic Club for it's financial support (and Mervyn Warfield for presenting the winner's trophy). The tournament was organised by a dedicated committee led by Julie Hunt whose previous experience in such events was invaluable.

The Mens 1st XI had a patchy pre-season and then came alive at the end of October when they started a fine run, which saw 19 wins in 21 matches. The team, captained by "Reggie" Painter, proceeded to win the Gerrard Hockey League North Division 1 and the Welsh Cup where Swansea were beaten 2-1 in the final at Sophia Gardens. Goals were scored by Trent Fowler and Tim Jones, the latter scoring on his return to the field, having been knocked-out by Trent in the initial goal celebrations. The Mens 1st XI therefore return to the European Cup Winners Cup next year. Top scorer for the Mens section was Tim Jones with an awesome 48 goals.

The Ladies 1st team will join the men in Europe next year after they qualified for the European Cup Winners Cup again. They won their play-off match against UWIC 2-0 thanks to two second-half goals from Deb Salt. The Ladies 2nd XI were also successful winning their league. Bridget van Beekhuizen led the Ladies goal scorers table with 22.

In the Youth section, coach Andy Griffiths again led a team of coaches, including Graham Hawkins, Mike Flynn, Paul Rees, Jonathan Davies and Ian Campbell, in working with youth players of all ages.

Appearing at the end of year Welsh Youth Hockey Cup Finals were the U10's, U12's and U14's. The U14's beat Penarth 2-1 in the South Wales Final with 2 goals from Hannah Zaman. Qualifying for the Welsh Cup Final in Newtown, the U14's unfortunately lost to Colwyn Bay, 3-1 on penalty flicks after the match finished in a 2-2 draw.

To finish the year, James Campbell made it into the Wales U13's squad to face the other home nations in a June tournament, held in Leeds. James played all five games in midfield, chosen as Vice-Captain for all bar one game where he was elevated to Captain. James scored 2 goals in this tournament where the Wales team achieved some creditable results. Our congratulations go to James and we hope that he will continue to represent Cardiff in the Welsh scene for some years to come. Overall, this strength at youth level is very encouraging and a tribute to the hard work of the coaches.

CHRIS SUTTON
Chairman

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB TENNIS SECTION

Unfortunately, there is still little or no progress worth reporting. The absence of Club Courts makes it almost impossible to keep up membership figures and matches cannot be played. A hardcore of regular and long standing members hold on in the hope that, one day, the section will be properly relocated along with other Sections. John Rees and Peter Lewis keep a junior programme alive and, at the other end of the age range, the Veterans keep the name of the Club going. Bob Turner and Alex Allen continued to represent the interests of the Tennis Section on the Management Committee.

BOB TURNER
CHAIRMAN

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