

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Season 1976-77

When I was elected by the Football Committee as Chairman of the Cardiff R.F.C. in their Centenary Year, it was one of the proudest moments of my life. Now for all of us the moment of truth had arrived. Were we going to keep the accolade "The Greatest" during our Centenary Season? We had planned for over three years and preparations were now almost complete for our Centenary Year.

Our first event was a "doubleton" when we entered a Cardiff R.F.C. float in the Lord Mayor's Parade, and the newly formed Ladies Committee, in their unofficial capacity, organised a coffee morning. These two events, together with a wine and cheese party, again successfully arranged by the Ladies Committee, helped to get the "social" off to a splendid start.

A Centenary Service was held at Llandaff Cathedral in conjunction with Llandaff R.F.C. who were also celebrating their centenary year. A large congregation heard the lessons read by the two captains—Gerald Davies and Ian Miles in Welsh, and Barry Nelmes and Howard Evans in English. The Dean of Llandaff, the Very Rev. J. F. Williams gave a suitable address for the occasion.

On Saturday, 4th September, was our first major event—a "Sevens" tournament which included "Sevens" from the four countries and the Baa Baas. Other Clubs received special invitations including Taffs Well, who were the winners of our own District E Sevens. I suggested to the Committee that we follow the pattern of the "Sevens" tournament that I had witnessed at Murrayfield during the Scottish Centenary Year. Brian Mark was the organiser and in his own indefatigable way made the tournament a splendid success. The winners: our friendly rivals, Newport R.F.C.

On Sunday, 5th September, a golf tournament was held at Glamorgan Golf Club. More than 26 teams entered from Rugby Clubs in Wales and England. Ken George and Austin Thomas were joint organisers and must have been very pleased with the results of their efforts.

The Irish Wolfhounds XV were met on the 11th September and in their side were ten Irish internationals. It was an excellent game to watch although we lost by 20 pts. to 9 pts. They brought over a few supporters and a most enjoyable evening was spent in the Clubhouse.

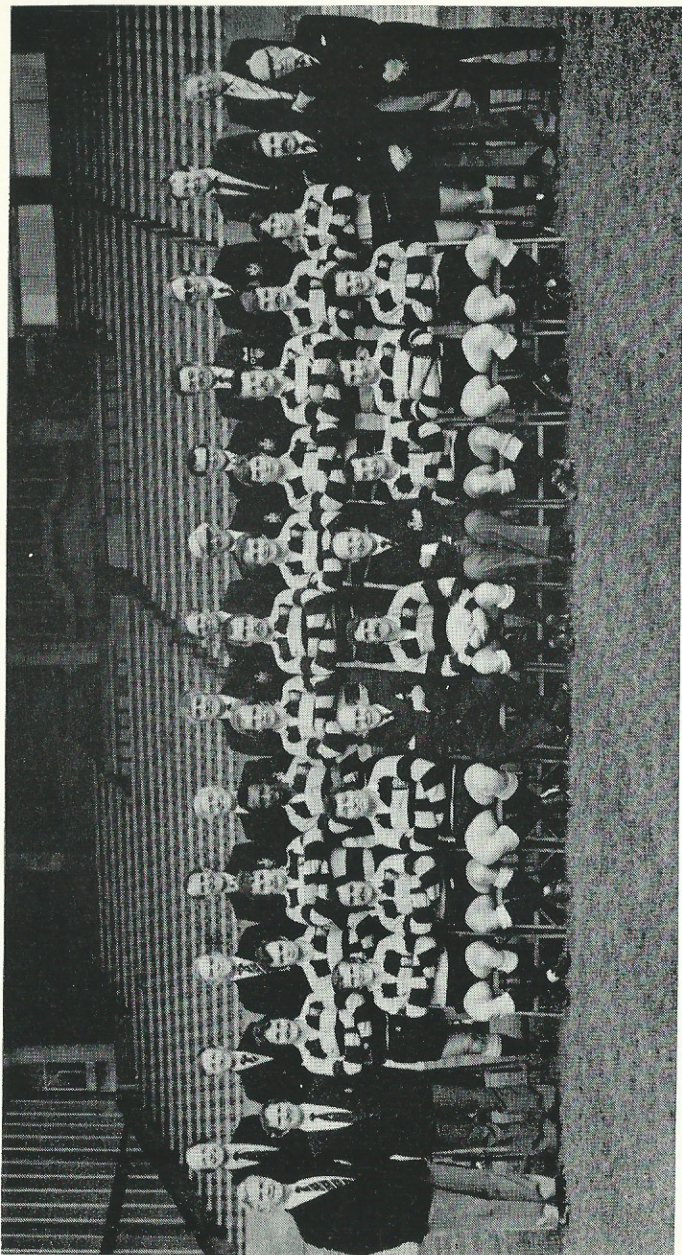
September 25th—the eagerly awaited Overseas International XV match was now with us and Keith Rowlands was a very proud man when he put on the field 15 internationals from all over the world. Keith told me that not one of the original selections had refused the invitation to participate in this match: Cardiff v. "Rest of the World". Mr. J. B. G. Thomas, the Western Mail Sports Editor, was very helpful with his advice and suggestions.

Gerald Davies had stated categorically at the commencement of the season that his team were going to play 15 man Rugby and they were going out on that field to play entertaining Rugby, to enjoy themselves and to give enjoyment to their countless admirers and supporters. Most of the Overseas International XV had arrived by Tuesday 21st and had several "run-outs" with John Dawes as their coach. They received the full hospitality of the Cardiff Rugby Club and were entertained by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff at Cardiff Castle on the eve of the match.

Although rain fell throughout the game both teams played bright and open football, resulting in a splendid victory to Cardiff by 24 pts. to 13 pts. The after match celebrations were held in the City Hall with over 600 guests present. The main speaker was Cliff Morgan—who was brilliant in his own inimitable way. He had us laughing one minute and weeping the next. There were also speeches from the two captains, Gerald Davies and Garrick Fay, Lyn Williams, my vice-chairman, and Sir Tasker Watkins. All these speeches set the tone of the dinner with St. Albans Band supplying the accompanying music during the dinner and after the speeches. The stories, the jokes and the singing went on till nearly dawn. The pattern was set: enjoy your playing and your after-match festivities.

The W.R.U. in their wisdom granted Aberavon and Cardiff in the Centenary years the honour of playing the Argentinians. We played them on the following Saturday in the National Stadium after the game with the Overseas International XV.

And what a game that was! At half-time we were actually 22 pts. to 6 pts. behind but Gerald and his team thrilled us with a startling revival and we only just lost by 29 pts. to 25 pts.



Back Row: A. D. Williams, B. Merk, A. D. S. Bowes, C. D. Williams, D. M. James, M. L. Collins, P. T. Goodfellow, W. H. Wilkins, P. Nyhan, H. Norris, J. E. Davies, Lloyd Williams, T. L. Williams.

Second Row: T. Holley (*Hon. Masseur*), C. Padfield (*Coach*), A. Phillips, D. Thomas, R. Lane, C. Smith, R. Dudley-Jones, I. Robinson, A. A. J. Finlayson, T. Worgan, F. M. D. Knill, P. Bolland, M. Murphy, J. Evans (*Coach*), D. E. Davies (*Statistician*).

Front Row: J. Davies, P. Evans, B. Nelmes (*Vice-Captain*), L. M. Spence (*Chairman*), T. G. R. Davies (*Captain*), A. J. Priday (*Hon. Secretary*), G. O. Edwards, M. Watkins, C. Camilleri.

To keep to my chronological order, it was on Saturday, 27th November, when we played Llanelli at home that we held the Old Players' Reunion. All Cardiff's past capped players were invited to attend a Buffet Luncheon, watch the game and attend the dinner with the players who played against Llanelli in the afternoon and lost—a great disappointment to all the oldies, to Gerald and his boys. It was a most nostalgic moment when all the oldies were marshalled in decades commencing 1910-1920, 1921-1930, 1931-1940, 1941-1950, 1951-1960, 1961-1970. Our Patron Ewan Davies led the parade, being the oldest "oldie" in the ground left in the period 1910-1920. There were over 250 old players who marched across the ground to the grandstand to the accompaniment of St. Albans Band playing suitable music. The crowd rose and gave them a tremendous standing ovation and everybody sang the national anthem—it was a tremendously moving occasion and one that I will never forget. The dinner in the evening with all the men of the past reminiscing with each other and old players meeting each other for the first time in thirty or forty years. Many tries, goals and drop goals were played again and many tour parties down in Cornwall were relived. We had few speeches, for time was precious and memories were long.

On 2nd December we saw the results of the hard-working Centenary Aid Committee under the chairmanship of Stan Thomas Jnr. and his father Stan Senior and brother Peter, and last but not least the indefatigable Bryn Thomas of Aberavon, who, with many other helpers (Committee members, old players, supporters of the Cardiff R.F.C.), provided a most entertaining evening called "Cavalcade of Sport". Another tremendous success. Thank you all for your splendid efforts on that night.

In the month of December Gerald and his men played splendid football and gave great enjoyment to all who were fortunate to see the games. I give below the five games involved:

Saturday, 4th Dec.	Swansea	Away 28-13
Wednesday, 8th Dec.	Newport	Home 14-12
Saturday, 11th Dec.	Moseley	Home 24-18
Saturday, 18th Dec.	Cardiff Coll. of Ed. (Cup)	Home 42-16
Monday, 27th Dec.	Crawshays XV	Home 40-16

Another big social event was the Club's Fancy Dress Party on New Year's Eve so ably run by the Ladies Committee. I must say that I was sceptical about it being a success but I was proven

wrong by the ladies who worked so tremendously hard to make it such a resounding success. The organising committee was made up from the wives of the players and Committee. Our own Shirley Woolveridge won the first prize for the Ladies Fancy Dress (dressed as a guerilla) and "Spike" Watkins for the Men's (dressed as a Zulu).

In the New Year Gerald Davies declared his objective was to win the W.R.U. Cup. How near he and his team came to winning it. We were drawn at home on 8th January to play Llanelli and after a titanic struggle we beat them 26-15. It was a classic game and both sides played Rugby football, enjoying it with a record crowd, and the whole match was televised. It certainly boosted the image of Welsh Rugby Cup Football.

The next round was played at Pontypool and we won a very hard game. We then met Aberavon at Swansea in the semi-final which was another hard, unrelenting game but I emphasise "not dirty", as some of the media would proclaim. It was an unfortunate accident that Clive Shell broke his cheek bone.

The Cup Final was played on the 30th April at the National Stadium between Cardiff and Newport before a record crowd. Newport played extremely well and certainly deserved their victory. Once again Cardiff lost in the Final, this time by only one point. It was another cup match played in grand sporting endeavour and was a credit to two of the oldest rivals in Welsh Rugby.

Our usual Easter Saturday fixture with the Baa Baas produced some brilliant football, although we lost, before another record crowd. We finished our season playing a team from Sydney (Australia) which was a very entertaining game with a victory for Cardiff.

In our Sevens engagements, Cardiff avenged themselves in the Snelling event. Quite another remarkable achievement this as the captain retired hurt after the second round to be replaced by Julian O'Brien (comparatively inexperienced at senior sevens) and again, in the final Paul Evans came out to be replaced by Stuart Lane. The popular John Davies took over the captaincy and played successfully and capriciously. The other members of the squad were Bob Dudley Jones, Alun Phillips and Trevor Worgan, who formed a trio of forwards whose fierce and determined efforts to retain good ball (or bad for that matter) played a magnificent part in the victory.

A much weakened seven was fielded in the Welsh National Sevens, yet, captained once again by John Davies, they got through to the final to be beaten by a stronger and better equipped Bridgend. A stronger Cardiff seven could easily have succeeded. Young Paul Rees, the Rags full back, had to be called up to play alongside Bob Dudley Jones and Alun Phillips, as Trevor Worgan was not available.

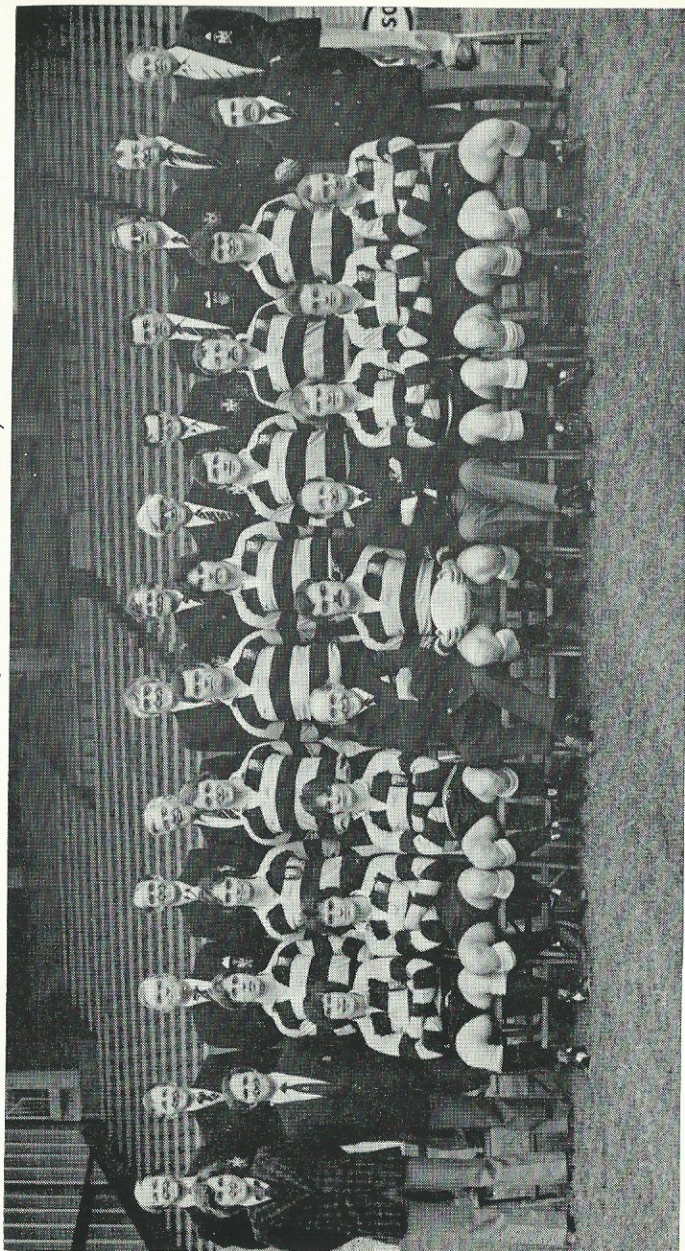
To finish this remarkable Centenary season with its many successes and few disappointments we held our Centenary Banquet on Saturday, 16th April, in a giant marquee on the Castle Green seating over 1,000 people with the Prime Minister as the chief guest. It was a fitting climax socially, although I was rather dubious about ladies being invited—but invited they were. They came, they graced the evening, added to the colour and made it a night to remember. The speeches made by Professor Seabourne Davies, Gerald Davies, George Burrell (British Lions manager) and David Hayward were brilliant in their conception and delivery. There were exactly 100 on the top table, including guests of the teams we first played, representatives of all the Home Unions and France. Providing the background music were our own St. Albans Band who tunefully concluded our Centenary Year on a happy note.

In this Centenary it would be invidious of me to mention any individual because everybody—players, Committeemen, chairmen of the many sub-committees and supporters—if they had a job to do they did it and no words of mine can adequately express the personal debt that I owe to them for their unquestioned loyalty to "The Greatest Club in the World".

Congratulations to Brynmor Williams on his selection to tour with the Lions in New Zealand. We all wish him a very happy and successful tour. To Gerald and his team, well done and congratulations on passing the 1,000 points mark for the third time in the history of the Club. To Danny Davies, our statistician, whose book "The Greatest"—a history of Cardiff's hundred years—has now had a second reprint by licence from the C.A.C.

It is with profound regret that Danny is retiring this coming season as Club statistician: we all wish him a very happy and contented retirement. John Davies, our manager on the Canadian Tour, will be taking over Danny's duties as Club statistician.

To Ken George and all his staff my grateful thanks. Also to



Back Row:

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Second Row: A. James (*Hon. Masseur*), C. Padfield (*Coach*), P. Edmunds, K. Gibson, M. McJennett, I. Brice, R. Cooksley, G. Wallace, D. Llewellyn, L. O'Brien, J. Evans (*Coach*).

Seated:

D. Barry, P. Rees, T. Holmes, L. M. Spence (*Chairman*), P. Rawlins (*Captain*), A. J. Friday (*Hon. Secretary*), M. John, S. Lane, F. Bonello.

the ground staff and to Mr. and Mrs. Leworthy and staff for their help on the big occasions.

My thanks to Mr. Harold Richards, the Club doctors, the Club physiotherapists, and the Club masseurs for helping to keep our players fit during the season.

To our most loyal and best Supporters Club in the world, many many thanks and to Mr. Williams, conductor, and his bandsmen of St. Albans.

The C.R.F.C. Centenary Tour of Canada, at the end of May and the beginning of June, was a very happy one. We tried to play open Rugby but were somewhat forestalled by the narrow pitches and the physical fitness of our opponents, however, we won five matches losing only our first game against Crimson Tide XV at Victoria Island.

The Management, Captain and all the touring party, are to be congratulated on their impeccable behaviour both on and off the field. I was certainly proud to be Chairman of the C.R.C. on this happy tour with not one complaint of damage or bad behaviour. Unfortunately I had to leave the touring party a week earlier on medical advice but I am pleased to say that I am much better in health.

In ending this report I must say to Brian Mark we missed you in Canada, and I am expressing the wish of everybody in the Club that your speedy recovery (with all your old fervour) continues, now that you have returned to our midst.

I would like to take this opportunity of assuring all our season ticket holders that the Committee has held lengthy discussions on the distribution of future Field/Enclosure international tickets and have already instituted a scheme of registering the names of those successful on an alphabetical system on similar lines to the scheme which has been in existence for some time for Stand tickets. We hope to supply full details prior to the commencement of next season.

Brynmor Williams on the 9th April, 1977 became the 171st selection from this Club to be selected for the Barbarians. This is the highest number of selections for the Barbarians from any Club in Great Britain and of course, was established in the Centenary Year. This record has been held for many years by Blackheath R.F.C. and is now held by Cardiff.

The other record for Cardiff R.F.C. was established in Scotland when Wales won the Triple Crown by T. G. R. Davies,

Cardiff Captain and Gareth Edwards, who, on that date, became the 947th and 948th Welsh International selection from Cardiff R.F.C. and is a record for any club in Wales, and maybe for any club side in Great Britain.

Two more records in the Centenary Season inclusive of Canadian Tour: 199 tries in an extended season, first time in Club's history.

1,210 points scored—points record.

ATHLETIC XV—SEASON 1976/77

Captains: John Hickey/Peter Rawlins.

Results: P33 W24 L9 Points for 777 Points Against 346

In terms of results the playing records are well below those of previous seasons. The resignation of John Hickey, the appointed captain, (a stern driver of his team at all times) and his replacement by Peter Rawlins must have had an effect. But it is true to say that the "Rags" are now developing youngsters who recently were our own Youth (Junior) players, and Peter Rawlins as captain has been commendable.

Top Scorers:

Frank Bonello 11, Phil Edmunds 11, Keith Gibson 20, Chris Camilleri 9, Lawrence O'Brien, Terry Holmes stole in with a quota of 7 tries.

Goal Kickers:

David Barry was the only player to score more than 100, and got 127 points from 6 tries and 45 goals.

Match Attendances:

The following took part in more than 20 Athletic games: Robert Cooksley 25, Phil Edmunds 21, Keith Gibson 22, Don Llewellyn 21, Lawrence O'Brien 25, Peter Rawlins 22, Paul Rees 21.

New Athletic Caps.

Prior to the Canada/U.S.A. Tour, the following have qualified by reason of matches with the First and Athletic XV matches: Ian Brice, Robert Cooksley, Keith Gibson, Lawrence O'Brien.

L. M. SPENCE, *Chairman*

CARDIFF JUNIOR XV

Captain: David Miller.

Played 26 Won 22 Lost 4 Points For 631 Points Against 197

After last season's successful Youth team, this season has been a "building up" year, with many younger players in our ranks. It all augers well for the future with a nucleus of players again available next season.

The following players won their colours during the season: Philip Davies, Ashley Ellison, John Hopkins, Tony Morgan, Jeff Newbury, Mark Powell, Philip Randell and Philip Spear.

Colours take the form of a tie, and is available to those players who have played 20 times for the Youth team.

Wayne Hall (hooker) and BIG Hugh Jones (lock/No. 8) played in the three internationals and our congratulations went to them. Our vice-captain Robert Lakin was substitute for the three internationals, but never got out onto the field. Commiserations to Rob—we wish him well for next season, when he is again available for Youth Rugby.

Members of the Youth XV filled places in the Athletic XV on 8 occasions, Tony Morgan playing 4 times.

The Cardiff and District team won the Crawshay Cup and 10 of the team played for the District XV during the season.

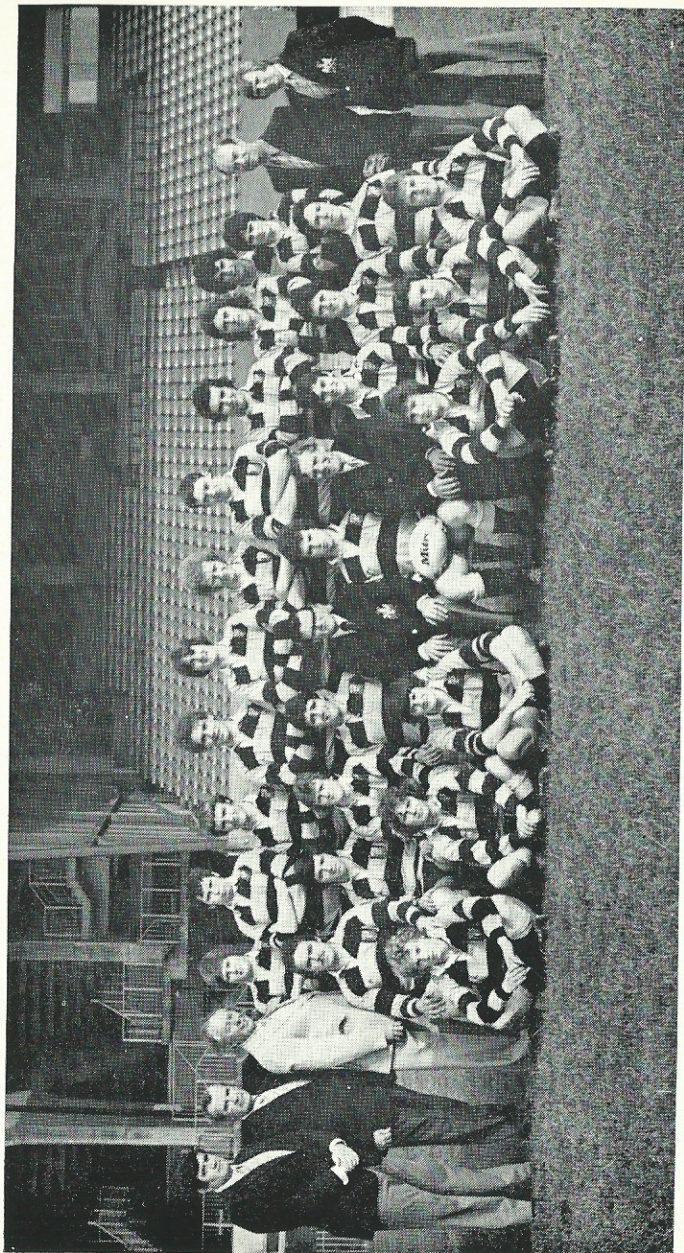
Unfortunately the weather took toll of a lot of matches. Only 26 games were played against 35 last season. No matches were played at all in February, and only 2 each in November, December and March.

Some notable games were the two victories over Llandaff when 95 points were scored to 12 against. Other local rivals Rumney were defeated away 16-6 in a good hard game. An 8-6 victory over Bath away deserves merit, as 7 of our regulars were engaged on that day in the Final Welsh Trial.

Perhaps the best performance of the season was at Pontypridd in November, where, under floodlights for the only time this season, we were successful 12-3, with schoolboy Kevin Trevitt (then only 15) making his debut, and also scoring a try.

Top scorer was forward David Thomas with 85 points (1 try, 30 conversions and 7 penalties). Last season, David's elder brother, Stephen, scored a phenomenal 341 points. Other leading scorers were: John Hopkins (full back) 77 points, Philip Spear

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (JUNIOR XV)—Season 1976-77



Back row: J. O'Donnell, G. Donovan, L. Jones (*Committee*), D. Gilmore, D. Thomas, P. Randell, G. Luff, A. Ellison, R. Lakin, H. Jones, N. Collins, R. Ramesbury, M. Brinkworth, M. Barry, D. Pill (*Committee*), W. Davies (*Coach*).
Second Row: N. Anesbury, J. Hopkins, P. Davies, C. Collins, P. Nghan (*Secretary*), D. Miller (*Captain*), P. Goodfellow (*Chairman*), P. Spear, A. Morgan, S. Miller.
Front Row: N. Webb, T. Tuesley, M. O'Donnell, W. Hall, M. Powell, G. Newbury.

64 (16 tries), David Miller 54, younger brother Stephen 48 and Mark Powell also 48 points.

Most appearances: Mark Powell 25, Ashley Ellison and John Hopkins 24, David Thomas 23 and Philip Davies 21.

"The intention of the Youth team is to mould players in the Cardiff tradition so that they can mature into senior football in the Cardiff style of play and Club spirit." This is a quote from the very early days of the Youth team, and is so true nowadays. We have endeavoured this season to do exactly what was quoted some 20 years ago, and the efforts of those earlier members of the Youth Committee have certainly borne fruit. In an Athletic team just prior to Christmas, 12 of the team were ex-members of the Cardiff Youth squad.

The side was ably led by the captain, David Miller, whose enthusiasm spread throughout the side. Unfortunately David, through injury, missed the Final Welsh Trial, and perhaps a chance of a cap.

The Player of the Year Award went to Philip Randell. Still at Llanishen School, Philip, a flanker, would play in any position, and in fact played four times on the wing twice as hooker and twice as a prop.

The season ended with a tour to Lancashire. Although we lost one and won one it was a most happy weekend and the spirit in which the games were played were in the tradition of the Youth throughout the season . . . clean, entertaining, open Rugby.

The tour could not and would not have taken place but for the enormous generosity of parents and members who not only donated raffle prizes but dug deep into their pockets on many occasions during the season. The people who donated the prizes deserve special thanks but the boys themselves deserve highest praise. In days when the "youth" of the country find themselves subjected to hostile press, it is a delight that the Cardiff Youth XV almost financially support themselves, and it augers well that they not only train hard, but put so much into the game . . . their flag at the moment flies high.

The parents also deserve a special mention for their unflagging support in all weathers to support the team.

A very special "thank you" to the Cardiff Rugby Supporters Club for a grand evening in the Skittle Alley in honour of the Youth. With all their efforts during this great Centenary Year, we were doubly pleased to be remembered.

Centenary Year activities generally were many and varied and in this respect Committee members had to work hard, which meant the two members of the Senior Committee who had volunteered to help run the Youth Section this season had to resign. My sincere thanks therefore go to the Youth Sub-Committee for their diligent approach and hard work during the season. Weldon Davies (coach), Les Jones, Jim O'Donnell, Don Pill (who I am glad to see fit and well again), Gerry Donovan and Peter Nyhan.

P. T. GOODFELLOW, *Chairman*

RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1975-76

CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against							
				G	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	
1976																
Sept. 1	Llandaff	H	Won	3	4		2		40				1		3	
8	Bristol	A	Won	2	3				24				1		3	
11	Wolfhounds ..	H	Lost	1			1		9	1	2		2		20	
15	Penarth	H	Won	8	2	1	1		62	2			1		15	
18	Coventry	H	Won	3	1		1		25	1		1	1		12	
25	O'seas Internationals	H	Won	2	3				24	1	1		1		13	
29	Aberavon	A	Lost		1	1	1		10		2		2		14	
Oct. 2	Argentina	H	Lost	2	1		3		25	2	2	1	2		29	
9	Northampton ..	A	Won	2	2				20		1		4		16	
13	Bristol	FL	H	Won	2	2		2	26						0	
16	Cambridge Univ. A.M.	H	Won	2			1		15	1					6	
20	Bridgend	A	Won	2			3		21		1		1		7	
23	Harlequins	A	Won	1	5		1		29		2		1		11	
27	Neath	A	Lost		1	1	2		13	1	1		3		19	
30	Italian Selection *	H	Won	7	3				54	1	1		4		22	
Nov. 3	Pontypool	A	Lost		1				4				5		15	
6	Oxford University	H	Won	6	2		2		50	2	1				16	
13	Ebbw Vale	H	Won	3	1		1		25		1		1		7	
27	Llanelli	H	Lost		1				4	1	2		1		17	
Dec. 4	Swansea	A	Won	4	1				28	1	1		1		13	
8	Newport	FL	H	Won		2			14	1			2		12	
11	Moseley	H	Won	2	1		2		22	2		1	1		18	
27	Crawshays XV	H	Won	5	1		2		40	1	1		2		16	
1977																
Jan. 1	Pontypool	H							Cancelled—Ground Frozen							
22	Neath	H	Won		3		2		18	1			1		9	
29	Aberavon	H	Won	4	1				28		1		2		10	
Feb. 5	Coventry	A	Won	2	1		2		22	1	2		1		17	
12	Pontypridd	H	Lost			1			9		2				12	
17	Llanelli	A	Lost	1	1	2	1		19		3		4		24	
19	Ebbw Vale	A	Lost						0	4	1				28	
Mar. 4	London Welsh	FL	H	Lost	1		1		9		2	1	1		14	
12	Munster	H	Won	7			3		51	1	1		1		13	
Apr. 2	Gloucester	A	Won	1	1	1	2		19				6		18	
9	Barbarians	H	Lost	1	1		1		13	1	5				26	
11	Harlequins	H	Won	1	5				26		1				4	
20	Swansea	FL	H	Won	3	4	1		37	2			2		16	
23	Sydney (N.S.W.)	H	Won	2	2		1		23		1		1		7	
	Merthyr															
	(Centenary Match) †		Won	3	4		1		37		1				4	
	TOTALS ..			81	57	7	41		858	30	36	4	56		504	

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 36; Won 25; Lost 11; Drawn 0.

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* Included 2 penalty tries

† Not included officially

Cardiff First Fifteen—continued

W.R.U CHALLENGE CUP

1976												
Nov.20	Aberaman	H	Won	5	6			54			1	3
Dec.20	Cardiff Coll. of Ed.	H	Won	5	3			42	2	1		16
1977												
Jan. 8	Llanelli	H	Won	3	1	1		25	1		3	15
Feb.26	Pohtypool	A	Won	1	1			10		1	2	10
Mar.26	Aberavon (at Swansea) ..	A	Won	1		1	2	15			2	6
Apr.30	Newport (at Nat. Ground)		Lost	2			1	15	1	1	2	16
	TOTALS ..			17	11	1	4	161	4	3	10	66

TOTAL CUP MATCHES: Played 6; Won 5; Lost 1; Drawn 0.

CANADA—U.S.A. TOUR

May23	Crimson Tide ..	Lost	2	2	3	17	5	3	29
30	Frazier Valley ..	Won	2	2	3	29	1	1	9
June 1	Vancouver Reps ..	Won	1	3	1	21	2	2	6
June 4	W. Washington USA	Won	6	3	2	54	2	2	6
7	Alberta Repts ..	Won	6	3		48	2	2	6
June11	Vancouver Prs'dts XV	Won	1	4		22	1	3	
	TOTALS ..		16	17	9	191	15	11	59

TOTAL TOUR MATCHES: Played 6, Won 5; Lost 1; Drawn 0.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS

CARDIFF CENTENARY SEVENS

1976										
Sept. 4	Ulster	1	Won	2		12	2	8
	Taffs Well	2	Won	3	2	26	1	4
	Barbarians	3	Lost	1	1	10	4	24

SNELLING SEVENS

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W.R.U. NATIONAL SEVENS, ABERAVON

May14	Aberavon	1	Won	3	1				22						0
	Bedwas	2	Won	3	2				26		2				8
	Neath	..	..	SF	Won	4	1				28		1				6
	Bridgend	..	..	F	Lost		2				8		3				18

Captain: GERALD DAVIES

Vice-Captain: BARRY NELMES

RECORD FOR SEASON (including WRU Cup Ties): Played 42;
Won 30; Lost 12; Drawn 0

SCORES FOR: Goals 98; Tries 68; Drop Goals 8; Penalty Goals 45; Points For 1,019

SCORES AGAINST: Goals 34; Tries 39; Drop Goals 4; Penalty Goals 66; Points Against 570.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against								
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.			
1976																	
Sept. 1	Llanharan	A	Won	1	2			14	1			2		12			
4	Italian Under 23 XV	SG	Won	1	3		1	21	2					12			
8	Bristol United ..	H	Lost		4			16	3	1		1		25			
11	Pontypool Athletic	SG	Lost	2				12		1	1	2		13			
15	Taffs Well	A	Won	2	3		2	30		1				4			
18	Coventry Extra 1sts	A	Lost	1	4			22	1	2		3		23			
22	Mountain Ash ..	A	Cancelled—Ground waterlogged														
29	Pontyclun	H	Won	2	2		1	23						0			
Oct. 9	Harlequin Wdrs. ..	SG	Won	1	4			22		1		1		7			
13	Treorchy	A	Won	1	1		1	13	1					6			
16	Cardigan	SG	Won	3	3			30		2				8			
23	Pontypool United ..	H	Won		2		2	14				3		9			
30	Pencoed	SG	Won	2	6			36	1	1				10			
Nov. 6	Newport Saracens	A	Lost				1	3				2		6			
13	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A	Won	1	2			14	1			1		9			
20	Llantwit Major ..	A	Won	4	4		2	46	1	1				10			
27	Crumlin	A	Won		3		2	18				3		9			
Dec. 4	Swansea Athletic ..	H	Won	4			2	30	1	2		1		17			
11	Bridgend Sports ..	A	Ground unfit for play														
18	Neath Athletic ..	H	Ground unfit—snow and frost														
27	Aberaman	A	Won	1	2		2	20	1			2		12			
1977																	
Jan. 8	Coventry Extra 1sts	A	Lost		2			8	2	2		1		23			
15	St. Peters A.M.	A	Ground unfit—snow and frost														
22	Pontypool United ..	A	Lost				1	3				3		21			
29	Aberavon Quins ..	A	Won	2	1		2	22		2				8			
Feb. 5	Staines	H	Won	2	3			27		1				4			
11	Bristol United FRI	A	Won	1	4		1	25	1			2		12			
19	Taffs Well	H	Cancelled—ground unfit after rain														
26	Yeovil	H	Won	5	6			54				1		3			
Mar. 5	London Welsh Druids																
	A.M.	SG	Lost		2			8		1		3		13			
12	Abercynon	SG	Lost		1			4	3	1		1		25			
19	Cardiff Tg College																
	Education 2nds A.M.	H	Won	8	6			72						0			
26	Newport United A.M.	H	Won	2	4	1		31						0			
Apr. 2	Gloucester Utd. A.M.	H	Won	1	5			26		1				4			
9	Mumbles .. A.M.	SG	Won	8	3			60						0			
13	Senghenydd	A	Won	2	1	2	2	28	2	1		1		19			
23	Dolphin (Cork) ..	A	Won	1			2	12		1		1		7			
24	Univ. Coll. (Cork)	A	Lost	1	1		1	13	1			3		15			
	TOTALS							5984	3	26		777	24	22	1	37	346

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 33; Won 24; Lost 9; Drawn 0.

Captain: (1) JOHN HICKEY (retired), (2) PETER RAWLINS

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS — Rugby — First XV.

	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Vice-Captain</i>		<i>Captain</i>	<i>Vice-Captain</i>
1876-77	.. T. S. DONALDSON SELBY ..	W. D. PHILLIPS	1926-27	.. W. J. DELAHAY ..	D. E. DAVIES
1877-78	.. E. C. FRY ..	W. D. PHILLIPS	1927-28	.. B. R. TURNBULL ..	B. O. MALE
1878-79	.. R. H. FOA ..	W. D. PHILLIPS	1928-29	.. B. O. MALE ..	K. P. TURNBULL
1879-80	.. W. D. PHILLIPS ..	B. E. GIRLING	1929-30	.. S. C. CRAVOS ..	H. POOLE
1880-81	.. W. D. PHILLIPS ..	B. B. MANN	1930-31	.. B. R. TURNBULL ..	S. C. CRAVOS
1881-82	.. B. E. GIRLING ..	W. D. PHILLIPS	1931-32	.. HOWARD POOLE ..	H. M. BOWCOTT
1882-83	.. W. D. PHILLIPS ..	W. H. TREATT	1932-33	.. TOM LEWIS ..	B. R. TURNBULL
1883-84	.. H. J. SIMPSON ..	W. D. PHILLIPS	1933-34	.. GRAHAM JONES—	R. GABE-JONES
1884-85	.. H. J. SIMPSON ..	W. D. PHILLIPS		R. GABE-JONES	
1885-86	.. F. E. HANCOCK ..	A. F. HILL	1934-35	.. A. SKYM ..	T. STONE
1886-87	.. W. M. DOUGLAS ..	A. J. HYBART	1935-36	.. T. STONE ..	L. M. SPENCE
1887-88	.. G. A. YOUNG ..	A. F. HILL	1936-37	.. L. M. SPENCE ..	T. STONE
1888-89	.. A. F. HILL ..	C. S. ARTHUR	1937-38	.. A. H. JONES ..	H. REES
1889-90	.. C. S. ARTHUR ..	S. H. NICHOLLS	1938-39	.. W. WOOLLER ..	W. E. N. DAVIES
1890-91	.. W. E. O. WILLIAMS ..	D. W. EVANS	1939-40	.. W. WOOLLER (2 games) ..	L. M. SPENCE
1891-92	.. D. W. EVANS ..	F. N. JONES	1939-45	.. WORLD WAR II ..	
1892-93	.. T. W. PEARSON ..	A. LEWIS	1945-46	.. JACK MATTHEWS ..	R. BALE
1893-94	.. N. BIGGS ..	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	1946-47	.. JACK MATTHEWS ..	LES. MANFIELD
1894-95	.. A. F. HILL ..	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	1947-48	.. HAYDN TANNER ..	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1895-96	.. R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT ..	F. MILLS	1948-49	.. HAYDN TANNER ..	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1896-97	.. J. E. ELLIOT ..	S. BIGGS	1949-50	.. BLEDDYN WILLIAMS ..	FRANK TROTT
1897-98	.. S. BIGGS ..	E. GWYN NICHOLLS	1950-51	.. W. E. TAMPLIN ..	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1898-99	.. E. GWYN NICHOLLS ..	T. DOBSON	1951-52	.. DR. JACK MATTHEWS ..	REX WILLIS
1899-1900	.. E. GWYN NICHOLLS ..	H. V. P. HUSSEY	1952-53	.. W. REX WILLIS ..	SID. JUDD
1900-01	.. E. GWYN NICHOLLS ..	J. BLAKE	1953-54	.. BLEDDYN WILLIAMS ..	SID. JUDD
1901-02	.. H. B. WINFIELD ..	D. L. BOWEN	1954-55	.. SID. JUDD ..	REX WILLIS
1902-03	.. H. B. WINFIELD ..	C. STRANAGHAN	1955-56	.. M. COLLINS ..	G. ROWLANDS
1903-04	.. E. GWYN NICHOLLS ..	C. F. BIGGS	1956-57	.. P. T. GOODFELLOW ..	G. GRIFFITHS
1904-05	.. C. F. BIGGS ..	W. NEILL	1957-58	.. E. THOMAS ..	CLIFF MORGAN
1905-06	.. PERCY F. BUSH ..	GEO. NORTHMORE	1958-59	.. C. D. WILLIAMS ..	LLOYD WILLIAMS
1906-07	.. PERCY F. BUSH ..	GEO. NORTHMORE	1959-60	.. GORDON WELLS ..	J. D. EVANS
1907-08	.. RHYS T. GABE ..	J. BROWN	1960-61	.. LLOYD WILLIAMS ..	K. D. JONES
1908-09	.. PERCY F. BUSH ..	F. SMITH	1961-62	.. LLOYD WILLIAMS ..	K. D. JONES
1909-10	.. J. L. WILLIAMS ..	F. SMITH	1962-63	.. D. J. HAYWARD ..	C. H. NORRIS
1910-11	.. R. A. GIBBS ..	J. PUGSLEY	1963-64	.. D. J. HAYWARD ..	C. H. NORRIS
1911-12	.. L. M. DYKE ..	J. A. POWELL	1964-65	.. MEIRION ROBERTS ..	C. H. NORRIS
1912-13	.. W. SPILLER ..	W. J. JENKINS	1965-66	.. K. ROWLANDS ..	S. HUGHES
1913-14	.. W. J. JENKINS ..	R. F. WILLIAMS	1966-67	.. K. ROWLANDS ..	W. HULLIN
1914-19	.. EUROPEAN WAR ..		1967-68	.. C. H. NORRIS ..	T. G. R. DAVIES
1919-20	.. F. GACCON—	W. J. JENKINS	1968-69	.. C. H. NORRIS ..	A. D. WILLIAMS
	.. W. J. POWELL ..		1969-70	.. J. O'SHEA ..	J. HICKEY
1920-21	.. CLEM LEWIS ..	R. A. CORNISH	1970-71	.. J. HICKEY ..	G. EDWARDS
1921-22	.. R. ARTHUR CORNISH ..	I. RICHARDS	1971-72	.. J. H. JAMES ..	A. FINLAYSON
1922-23	.. DR. T. WALLACE ..	I. RICHARDS	1972-73	.. G. WALLACE ..	M. JOHN
1923-24	.. IDRIS RICHARDS ..	T. A. JOHNSON	1973-74	.. G. DAVIES ..	M. JOHN
1924-25	.. T. A. JOHNSON ..	D. E. DAVIES	1974-75	.. M. JOHN ..	PAUL EVANS
1925-26	.. D. E. DAVIES ..	W. J. DELAHAY	1975-76	.. T. G. R. DAVIES ..	R. LANE
			1976-77	.. T. G. R. DAVIES ..	B. NELMES



After-match reception at the City Hall, Cardiff

From left to right: Mr. H. Johnson, President of Cardiff Athletic Club, Mr. Garrick Fay, Captain of World XV, The Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Councillor Iorwerth Jones), Mr. Les Spence, Mr. Gerald Davies, Captain of Cardiff R.F.C., Cliff Morgan, Sir Tasker Watkins and Lyn Williams, Vice Chairman.

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Combined World XV v Cardiff R.F.C. September 1976. Centenary match at Cardiff Arms Park.

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Cardiff R.F.C. Centenary match at Cardiff Arms Park.

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Trevor Worgan storms over the line for a try for Cardiff in the Centenary match against an Overseas XV at the Cardiff Arms Park.

(Western Mail photogap)



Cardiff R.F.C. v World XV Dinner at the City Hall.

Left to right: D. J. O'Brien, W. Tamplin, Dr. Jack Matthews, Haydn Tanner and Malcolm Collins.

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A magic moment in Cardiff's Centenary Season at the Cardiff Arms Park as Mr. Ewan Davies, aged 89, who played for Cardiff and Wales between 1909 and 1912, leads the parade of ex-Cardiff players.

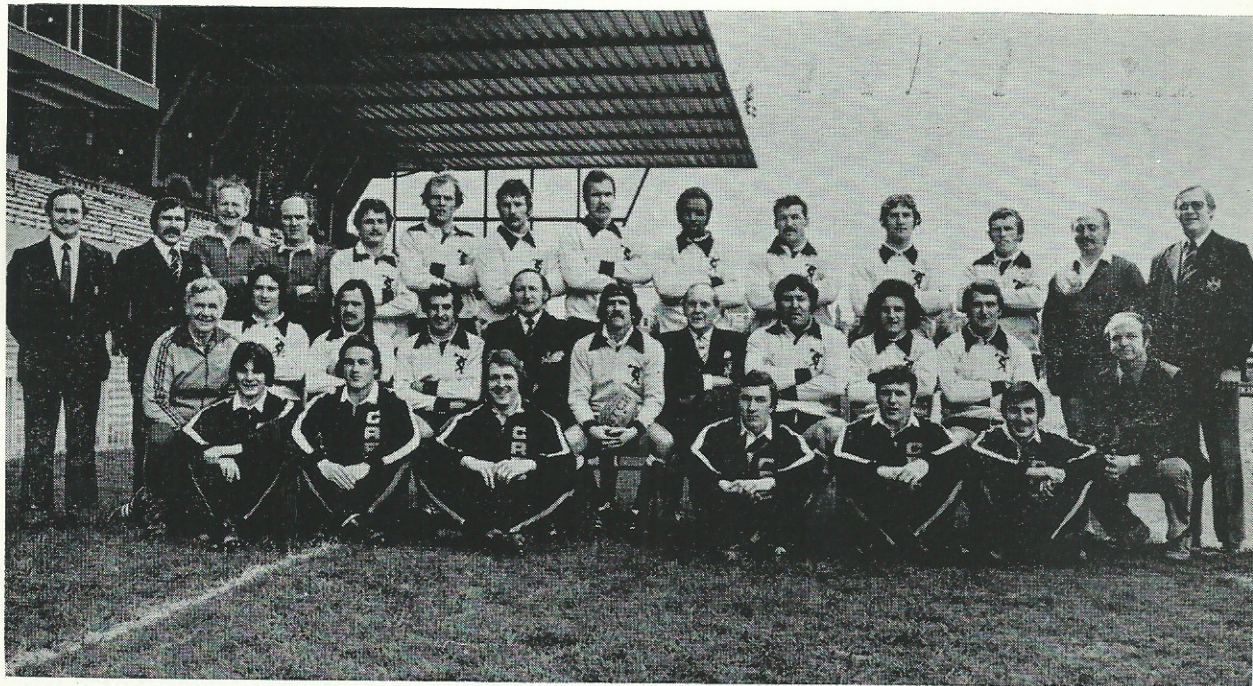
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Cardiff R.F.C. Centenary Group Photograph

The President of Cardiff Athletic Club, the Chairman of Cardiff R.F.C., Captain and Players, Doctors, Masseurs, Coaches and Staff of Cardiff Athletic Club.

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Cardiff 1976-77 (W.R.U. Cup Team)

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Mr. Stan Thomas (Jnr.) hands over the key of the new Cardiff R.F.C. scoreboard at the Cardiff Arms Park to club chairman, Mr. Les Spence. In between them is the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Iorwerth Jones. The ceremony was performed before the start of the Cardiff v Barbarians match. The scoreboard has been presented to the club by the Thomas family of Peters Savoury Products Ltd.

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Cardiff Rugby Football Club Centenary Banquet at Cardiff Castle Green.

Left to right: Mr. Les Spence, Chairman Cardiff R.F.C., Mr. Ewan Davies, aged 89, oldest serving Welsh International and Cardiff Captain, the Prime Minister, James Callaghan, M.P., and Cardiff Captain, Gerald Davies.

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