

# **CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEASON 2003/2004**

This season has followed the trend of the last few seasons, where we have promised so much, but have not really achieved what we were capable of. Losing seven games in a row then winning six in the mid season period left us with a very difficult end of season run in. The team produced some very entertaining rugby and were only denied European cup rugby by some dubious refereeing decisions.

The season was interrupted by the World cup and the loss of our international players at the beginning of the season did not help the team. The loss of these Blues players meant that players were drafted in from the Premier team and while the experience will stand them in good stead for the future, it affected the continuity and confidence of both teams which never really returned until the end of the season. The performance of the Blues against other Welsh regions, apart from the Ospreys at home, was particularly disappointing. We lost all of these matches and failed to show our full potential.

The European cup showed a marked improvement on last season and the slim margin of defeat, coupled with two victories left us wondering what might have been had lady luck smiled upon us. The team began to grow in stature towards the end of the season and we hope that this will continue and we will again be challenging for cups and titles

The premier side began the season with some excellent performances but disruption due to call ups and injuries affected confidence. The experience gained by younger players through these times will prove invaluable through their rugby careers and as many showed with excellent performances they have already begun to mature into a team of players who will soon be challenging for Blues places and trophies.

The hard work of Head Coach David Young, Assistant Coach Geraint John, Fitness Coach Huw Wiltshire and Physiotherapist Jane James has kept the players in top condition and the back up staff of Doctors, Dentists and Opticians are all to be thanked for their support of the team. Coaches Mike Rayer, Howard Stone and fitness coach Tristan Davies have worked tirelessly with the players to improve levels of performance and this is sure to benefit the club in future years.

The company, under Robert Norster and Alun Doull, have continued to work to produce a structure for the future of rugby at the Arms Park and along with the Board of Directors will continue to do so. The office team is an important part of the club as we continue to seek success on and off the field.

The Rugby Committee continues with its support of the club and my thanks go out to all involved.

Keith Morgan has worked tirelessly as Hon. Secretary and I am deeply grateful for his enthusiasm and dedication to the club.

The supporters Club, under Simon Down and his Committee, continues with its tremendous support and is a very important part of the club. To Mervyn Warfield and the management committee, as landlords, the rugby section looks forward to your continued support. To Jackie Flynn and Vickie McCracken many thanks for your valuable work.

The pitch at the Arms Park continues to improve as a playing surface and we thank Brian Walker and his ground staff for their dedicated work.

Karl Williams and his staff work constantly to keep the club's members and visitors fed and watered and we thank them one and all.

May I end by thanking all members for their support of both teams this season and although it has not been the most memorable season in the club's history, hopefully it has been one where lessons have been learnt and will help springboard the club to greater things in the future. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Arms Park in the future and thank you for your support last season.

Many thanks  
Robert Lakin

## CARDIFF BLUES 2003-04

					SCORE FOR					SCORE AGAINST				
DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Res.		G	T	PG	DG	Pts	G	T	PG	DG	Pts
AUG 22	Leicester	H	Lost		2	1	1	-	22	2	-	2	1	23
29	Northampton	H	Lost		-	-	2	-	6	2	3	-	-	29
SEPT 5	Glasgow (L)	A	Lost		1	-	2	-	13	1	2	1	1	23
13	Connacht (L)	H	Won		3	-	4	-	33	1	2	-	-	17
26	Borders (L)	A	Lost		-	1	4	1	20	1	-	4	1	22
OCT 4	Edinburgh (Cup)	A	Lost		1	-	3	-	16	4	1	-	-	33
10	Leinster (L)	H	Won		2	1	1	-	22	-	-	1	-	3
18	Scarlets (L)	A	Lost		2	-	2	-	20	2	-	7	-	35
25	Ospreys (L)	H	Won		5	1	1	-	43	-	-	2	-	6
31	Ulster (L)	A	Lost		1	-	-	-	7	3	1	2	-	32
NOV 7	Dragons (L)	H	Lost		1	-	2	-	13	1	3	1	-	25
28	Munster (L)	A	Lost		1	-	1	-	10	3	2	-	-	31
DEC 6	Sale (E)	A	Lost		1	1	4	-	24	2	-	3	1	26
12	Leinster (E)	H	Lost		1	-	4	-	19	1	1	4	-	24
27	Celtic Warriors (L)	H	Lost		1	-	1	-	10	3	1	-	-	26
JAN 10	Biarritz (E)	A	Lost		1	2	1	-	20	3	1	3	-	35
17	Biarritz (E)	H	Won		1	1	3	-	21	1	2	1	-	20
23	Leinster (E)	A	Lost		2	-	1	-	17	-	1	5	-	20
31	Sale (E)	H	Won		2	1	1	-	22	1	-	-	-	7
FEB 6	Edinburgh (L)	A	Won		6	1	1	-	50	1	-	-	1	10
13	Glasgow (L)	H	Won		3	1	1	-	29	2	1	-	-	19
21	Connacht (L)	A	Won		1	1	3	-	21	1	1	2	-	18
27	Borders (L)	H	Won		7	2	-	-	59	1	-	2	-	13
MAR 5	Leinster (L)	A	Won		2	1	1	-	22	1	1	2	-	18
13	Scarlets (L)	H	Lost		-	-	-	-	0	-	-	2	-	6
28	Ospreys (L)	A	Lost		1	-	2	-	13	2	1	5	-	34
APR 3	Ulster (L)	H	Won		2	1	-	-	19	1	1	-	1	15
17	Dragons (L)	A	Lost		1	3	1	-	25	6	-	2	-	48
30	Munster (L)	H	Won		6	3	1	-	60	2	-	-	-	14
MAY 7	Celtic Warriors (L)	A	Lost		1	2	3	-	26	3	-	3	-	30
13	Edinburgh (L)	H	Won		6	2	1	-	55	2	1	1	-	22
LEAGUE	(L)	22	W - L 11-11		53	20	32	1	570	37	17	37	4	467
EUROPE	(E)	6	2-4		8	5	14	-	123	8	5	16	1	132
CUP		1	0-1		1	-	3	-	16	4	1	-	-	33
FRIENDLY		2	0-2		2	1	3	-	28	4	3	2	1	52
TOTAL		31	13-18		64	26	52	1	737	53	26	55	6	684

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	PLAYED	WON	DREW	LOST	PTS. FOR	PTS. AGST
LEAGUE	22	11	0	11	570	467
EUROPE	6	2	0	4	123	132
CUP	1	0	0	1	16	33
FRIENDLY	2	0	0	2	28	52
TOTAL	31	13	0	18	737	684

Tries 90

Penalty Goals 52

Conversions 64

Drop Goals 1

## Points Scorers (737)

N. Robinson	217 (6t, 33pg, 44c)	D. Dewdney	10
I. Harris	82 (16pg, 17c)	R. Appleyard	10
J. Robinson	70	P. Muller	10
T. Shanklin	50	D. Van Vuuren	10
L. Abdul	30	G. McCarthy	6 (2pg)
N. Macloed	27 (3t, 1pg, 3c, 1dg)	R. Powell	5
R. Williams	25	N. Thomas	5
C. Morgan	25	A. Moore (Lock)	5
J. Vaughton	25	A. Lewis	5
D. Baugh	20	H. Senekal	5
N. Walne	15	K. Fourie	5
J. Brownrigg	15	R. Smith	5
M. Williams	10	M. Allen	5
R. Thomas	10	M. Cockbain	5
G. Williams	10	Pen Try	5
C. Quinnett	10		

## Penalty Goals (52)

N. Robinson	33
I. Harris	16
G. McCarthy	2
N. Macloed	1

## Conversions (64)

N. Robinson	44
I. Harris	17
N. MacLeod	3

## Drop Goals (1)

N. Macloed	1
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## Try Scorers (90)

N. Thomas	14	J. Brownrigg	3	R. Powell	1
T. Shanklin	10	M. Williams	2	N. Thomas	1
N. Robinson	6	R. Thomas	2	A. Moore (Lock)	1
L. Abdul	6	G. Williams	2	A. Lewis	1
R. Williams	5	C. Quinnett	2	H. Senekal	1
C. Morgan	5	D. Dewdney	2	K. Fourie	1
J. Vaughton	5	R. Appleyard	2	R. Smith	1
D. Baugh	4	P. Muller	2	M. Allen	1
N. Macloed	3	D. Van Vuuren	2	M. Cockbain	1
N. Walne	3			Pen Try	1

# Appearances (607) (31x15 +142 subs)

N. Thomas	29 (27+2)	R. Williams	13
N. Robinson	27 (25+2)	M. Williams	12
J. Brownrigg	26 (19+7)	D. Van Vuuren	11 (8+3)
J. Robinson	25	H. Senekal	11 (8+3)
N. Walne	24 (20+4)	I. Harris	10
B. Evans	24 (19+5)	J. Vaughton	9
C. Morgan	23	N. Macloed	9 (3+6)
J. Yapp	23 (19+4)	L. Abdul	8 (6+2)
C. Quinnett	23 (17+6)	P. Muller	8 (6+2)
K. Fourie	23 (13+10)	D. McShane	8 (4+4)
R. Powell	22 (18+4)	M. Cockbain	7
M. Allen	22 (15+7)	D. Dewdney	6 (5+1)
R. Sowden-Taylor	22 (10+12)	J. Malpas	6 (2+4)
A. Moore (Lock)	21	G. McCarthy	4 (1+3)
D. Crompton	21 (11+10)	L. Andrews	4 (1+3)
A. Lewis	20 (12+8)	C. Stamatakis	3 (0+3)
D. Baugh	19 (17+2)	R. Jones	3 (0+3)
R. Appleyard	17 (11+6)	R. Smith	2
R. Thomas	16 (8+8)	J. Goode	1 (0+1)
A. Moore (SH)	15 (10+5)	D. Ruttley	1 (0+1)
G. Williams	14 (11+3)	D. Sweet	1 (0+1)
T. Shanklin	13		



# CARDIFF R.F.C. 2003-04

			SCORE FOR					SCORE AGAINST				
DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A Res.	G	T	PG	DG	Pts	G	T	PG	DG	Pts
SEPT 6	LLanelli	H Won	2	2	4	-	36	1	-	2	-	13
13	Swansea	A Lost	-	-	1	-	3	6	-	1	-	45
17	Bridgend	A Lost	3	1	-	-	26	2	3	2	-	35
20	Llandovery	H Won	2	4	3	-	43	1	-	2	-	13
27	Carmarthen Quins	A Lost	1	-	1	-	10	3	3	2	-	42
OCT 4	Pontypool	H Lost	1	-	1	-	10	2	-	1	-	17
11	Ebbw Vale	A Won	2	2	2	-	30	2	1	2	-	25
18	Newbridge	H Lost	1	2	-	-	17	2	2	1	-	27
25	Cross Keys	A Lost	2	2	-	-	24	2	2	5	-	39
29	Aberavon	H Lost	1	-	2	-	13	1	2	3	-	26
NOV 1	Newport	H Lost	-	1	2	-	11	1	2	4	-	29
8	Pontypridd	A Lost	1	-	3	-	16	2	2	1	-	27
15	Caerphilly	H Won	6	-	1	-	45	-	-	1	-	3
22	Bedwas	A Won	-	4	2	-	26	1	1	3	-	21
29	Neath	H Lost	-	-	3	-	9	3	2	1	-	34
DEC 6	LLanelli	A Lost	-	1	-	-	5	3	5	2	-	52
20	Llandovery	A Lost	1	2	-	-	17	1	3	3	-	31
28	Brynawr (Cup)	A Lost	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	3
JAN 3	Llandaff North (F)	A Won	3	4	-	-	41	2	1	-	-	19
10	Pontypool	A Won	2	1	1	-	22	1	-	1	-	10
24	Carmarthen Quins	H Won	1	5	1	-	35	1	-	-	-	7
FEB 7	Cross Keys	H Won	1	3	1	-	25	-	1	-	-	5
11	Bridgend	H Won	2	4	1	-	37	3	1	2	-	32
21	Ebbw Vale	H Lost	2	1	2	-	25	4	-	1	-	31
MAR 13	Newport	A Lost	-	-	-	-	0	2	4	1	-	37
24	Aberavon	A Lost	1	1	1	-	15	2	3	-	-	29
31	Pontypridd	H Lost	1	2	1	-	20	3	1	4	-	38
APR 7	Newbridge	A Lost	1	-	1	-	10	2	2	3	-	33
10	Caerphilly	A Lost	1	3	1	-	25	1	1	4	1	27
17	Bedwas	H Lost	2	1	1	-	22	3	-	4	-	33
24	Neath	A Won	4	-	3	-	37	3	-	2	-	27
MAY 1	Swansea	H Won	3	1	2	1	35	-	-	3	-	9
W - L												
LEAGUE	30	11-19	44	43	41	1	649	58	41	61	1	797
CUP	1	0-1	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	3
FRIENDLY	1	1-0	3	4	-	-	41	2	1	-	-	19
TOTAL	32	12-20	47	47	41	1	690	60	42	62	1	819

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Played 32    Won 12    Drew 0    Lost 20    Pts. for 690    Pts. against 819  
Tries 94    Conversions 47    Penalty Goals 41    Drop Goals 1

## Points Scorers (690)

G. McCarthy	108	(3t, 15c, 21pg)	F. Brillante	10
N. Macleod	94	(4t, 19c, 11pg, 1dg)	R. Davies	10
E. Jones	84	(14t, 4c, 2pg)	D. Fenton	10
J. Vaughton	45		M. Allen	5
L. Andreus	36	(5t, 4c, 1pg)	C. Czekaj	5
L. Roberts	35		D. Davies	5
C. John	28	(1t, 4c, 5pg)	D. Dewdney	5 (1c, 1pg)
J. Henthorn	20		D. Evans	5
D. McShane	20		S. Grainger	5
W. Murphy	20		M. Leach	5
D. Ruttlely	20		M. Leaman	5
N. Hampson	15		C. Miller	5
S. Ireland	15		C. Morgan	5
R. Jones	15		R. Price	5
J. Malpas	15		C. Stamatakis	5
R. Sowden-Taylor	15		D. Van Vuuren	5
L. Abdul	10			

## Try Scorers (94)

E. Jones	14	R. Jones	3	D. Evans	1
J. Vaughton	9	J. Malpas	3	S. Grainger	1
L. Roberts	7	G. McCarthy	3	C. John	1
L. Andrews	5	R. Sowden-Taylor	3	M. Leach	1
J. Henthorn	4	L. Abdul	2	M. Leaman	1
N. Macleod	4	F. Brillante	2	C. Miller	1
D. McShane	4	R. Davies	2	C. Morgan	1
W. Murphy	4	D. Fenton	2	R. Price	1
O. Ruttlely	4	M. Allen	1	C. Stamatakis	1
N. Hampson	3	C. Czekaj	1	D. Van Vurren	1
S. Ireland	3	D. Davies	1		