

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2011/12

Cardiff Rugby Football Club is steeped in rugby traditions since 1876, and over the last few seasons we have not achieved our potential on the playing field.

This last season has been most disappointing where we finished 9th in the Principality League Table, and is not acceptable, especially in my first year as Chairman.

The future holds an enormous amount of hard work both on and off the field to achieve a top three finish next season.

There are several reasons why we finished low in the table; (i) sixty one players were used during the season (ii) several teenagers played (iii) occasions where the WRU took five or more players for the IRB sevens tournament

Development / academy players must be introduced or inducted with much care and attention for talent identification to be effective. If this ethos is established correctly I am sure that the RFC and Cardiff Blues will benefit hugely in the seasons ahead.

At the time of writing the news has just been released that the Blues will return to our Arms Park next season after 3 years in the Cardiff City Stadium. To all rugby followers and supporters this is fantastic news to the city and most of the region.

The Supporters Club again establishes great rapport with the players and Committee. We are most grateful for all the work they deliver in the season, from programme selling to arranging functions.

My personal thanks go to all those Committee members who have admirably supported me during my first season. Keith Morgan my Vice Chairman and Rugby Administrator has been most reliable and influential in all playing and Committee decisions.

Simon Down our representative on the Principality League meetings and our statistician during the season. Steve Davies in attending East District meetings. Jill Parker for her very impressive work as secretary during the year. Ian Tabor who is working on the new website. Mervyn John with his experienced comments and a most active trustee member on the management Committee. Clive Davies, Billy Woods, Ian Robinson, Chris Norman with their contributions to the Committee.

Phil Davies has been appointed as Director of Rugby for the coming season. This is fantastic news as a few seasons ago he was the RFC Coach. A very much respected man who worked with the WRU to a very high level. We welcome him with open arms.

I would like to thank most sincerely our coaching team for their very hard work during the most difficult season. Richard Hodges & Lee Jarvis, Jamie Ringer and Howard Stone with their background support. Richard Hughes who does excellent conditioning work. Gafyn Cooper has been a great team manager during the season, passing on much information to the players and Committee respectively.

First team caps were achieved by Tom Williams, Sion Hopkins, Rory Watts-Jones, Ruben Tucker, Chris Bundy, Matthew Screech and Dan Fish.

Players who represented the WRU – under 20's were Harry Robinson, Cory Allen, Thomas Davies, Will-Griff John, Matthew Screech, Dan Crimmins, Ruben Tucker, Ellis Jenkins & Thomas Young.

We as a Club must be very proud of the eight representatives to the WRU IRB seven-a-side Team; Alex Walker, Rhys Shellard, Rhys Patchell, Richard Smith, Harry Robinson, Owen Williams, Dan Fish and Steffan Jones.

Top points scorers during the season were Gareth Davies with 121 points and Rhys Patchell with 114 Points. Tom Williams was the top try scorer with 11.



Brian Walker and Matt Jones keep the ground to a most high level of condition. Karl K Williams and Mike Salt provide both supporters and players with excellent service during the season. Pete Briun and his team for being so helpful on the door. The Operations Manager Howard Smith who dedicates much concern to the many facets of the Club.

Peter Thomas and his Board of Directors have again been most supportive and sympathetic towards the RFC. May I as chairman welcome our new C. E. O. Richard Holland and Financial Executive Peter Gahttus, who have shown much evidence of ambitious change to Cardiff Rugby Club.

I look forward to our next season with a very optimistic attitude. Our development / academy players have benefited significantly from last season. With some new players and coaching team for the 2012-2013 season, I know that the future is brighter.

Yours sincerely

John Huw Williams

CARDIFF RFC PLAYING RECORD 2011 – 2012

		OPPONENTS	H/A	Result	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts
18/08/2011	UWIC (F)	H	WON	6	1				47	1	1			12
26/08/2011	BEDFORD (F)	H	LOST	1		2			13	4		1		31
03/09/2011	LLANDOVERY	A	LOST	1		4			19	1	1	4	1	27
10/09/2011	CROSS KEYS	H	LOST	1	1	4			24	3	1	2		32
17/09/2011	TONMAWR	A	WON	3	1	3			35			3		9
24/09/2011	BEDWAS	A	WON	1	2	3			26		1	4		17
01/10/2011	SWANSEA	A	WON	2	1	3			28	2	2	1		27
08/10/2011	BRIDGEND	A	WON	1	2	2	1		26	1	2	1		20
15/10/2011	ABERAVON	A	LOST	2		2			20	1	2	3		26
22/10/2011	PONTYPOOL	H	DREW	2	1				19	1		3	1	19
29/10/2011	LLANELLI	H	LOST			6			18	2		2		20
05/11/2011	CARMARTHEN QUINS	H	WON	4	1		1		36	3	1	1		29
12/11/2011	LLANDOVERY	H	LOST	1	1	4			24	2	2	2		30
19/11/2011	CARMARTHEN QUINS	A	LOST	1		2			13	2	1	2		25
26/11/2011	TONMAWR	H	WON	5	3				50		1	2		11
10/12/2011	BRIDGEND	H	DREW	1	3	3			31	2	1	4		31
26/12/2011	PONTYPRIDD	A	LOST	1		2			13	1	1	2		18
03/01/2012	NEWPORT	H	LOST			2			6	2	1	1		22
07/01/2012	SWANSEA	H	WON	3	1	3			35		1	1		8
14/01/2012	BEDWAS	H	LOST	2		3			23		3	4		27
28/01/2012	GLAMORGAN WDS (CUP)	H	WON	3	2	1			34		2	2		16
11/02/2012	NEWPORT	A	LOST	1		4			19	3		5		36
18/02/2012	LLANELLI (CUP)	H	WON	2		7			35	2		5		29
25/02/2012	NEATH	A	LOST		1	3			14	1	1	1		15
03/03/2012	PONTYPOOL	A	LOST		2	1			13	3	1	2		32
09/03/2012	ABERAVON	H	WON	2		2			20	1		3		16
24/03/2012	CROSS KEYS (CUP)	A	LOST	1	1	4			24	1	3	5		37
31/03/2012	LLANELLI	A	LOST	2	2	1			27	2	1	4		31
07/04/2012	PONTYPRIDD	H	LOST	2		2			20	4		4	1	43
21/04/2012	NEATH	H	WON	4		2			34	3		2		27
24/04/2012	CROSS KEYS	A	WON	6					42	1	1	2		18

	PL	W	D	L	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts
FRIENDLY (F)	2	1	0	1	7	1	2	-	60	5	1	1	-	43
CUP (C)	3	2	0	1	6	3	12	-	93	3	5	12	-	82
LEAGUE	26	10	2	14	48	22	61	2	635	41	25	65	3	616
TOTAL	31	13	2	16	61	26	75	2	788	49	31	78	3	741



## CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCES 2011-2012

POINTS		TRIES	PEN G	CONV	DG
121	Gareth Davies		26	20	1
114	Rhys Patchell	1	26	14	1
75	Scott Sneddon	1	14	14	
69	Joseff Griffin	4	9	11	
55	Tom Williams	11			
35	Matthew John	7			
35	Harry Robinson	7			
35	Owen Williams	7			
30	Dan Crimmins	6			
25	Cory Allen	5			
25	Shaun Powell	5			
20	Richard Smith	4			
15	Jac Hopkins	3			
15	Will Jones	3			
15	Rory Watts-Jones	3			
10	Macauley Cook	2			
10	Luke Hamilton	2			
9	Dan Fish	1		2	
5	Chris Bundy	1			
5	Alex Cuthbert	1			
5	Ieuan Davies	1			
5	Jake Henry	1			
5	Sion Hopkins	1			
5	Steffan Jones	1			
5	James Monck	1			
5	Richard Mustoe	1			
5	Josh Navidi	1			
5	Penalty Try	1			
5	Dan Preece	1			
5	Rhys Shellard	1			
5	Lewis Smout	1			
5	Nathan Trevett	1			
5	Reuben Tucker	1			
788		87	75	61	2

TOTAL		STARTS	SUBS	NEW CAP
25	Tom Williams	19	6	*
25	Ieuan Davies	16	9	
25	Sion Hopkins	16	9	*
24	Rory Watts-Jones	16	8	*
22	Reuben Tucker	13	9	*
20	Dan Partridge	19	1	
20	Chris Bundy	12	8	*
19	Matthew John	18	1	
19	Matthew Screech†	17	2	*
19	Richard Smith	15	4	
19	Dan Crimmins	14	5	
19	Scott Sneddon	5	14	
18	Dan Fish†	16	2	*
18	Kristian Gay	13	5	
17	Shaun Powell	15	2	
16	Rhys Patchell	12	4	
16	Rhys Shellard	12	4	
16	Dan Preece	8	8	
15	Cory Allen	14	1	
15	Thomas Davies	12	3	
15	Thomas Young	12	3	
15	Jac Hopkins	4	11	
14	Joseff Griffin	9	5	
14	Ben Phillips	8	6	
14	Tom Rowlands	7	7	
13	Macauley Cook	13		
13	Harry Robinson	13		
13	Alex Walker	9	4	
13	James Monck	4	9	
12	Gareth Davies	12		
12	Owen Williams	11	1	
11	Ellis Jenkins	10	1	
11	Nathan Trevett	8	3	
10	Sam Campbell	7	3	
9	Luke Hamilton	8	1	
9	Will Jones	7	2	

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† Total of over 20 games for Cardiff plus Cardiff Blues with a minimum of 17 for Cardiff



CARDIFF BLUES PLAYING RECORD 2011 – 2012

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Res	SCORES FOR					SCORES AGAINST				
				G	T	PG	DG	Pts	G	T	PG	DG	Pts
12/08/2011	PONTYPRIDD (F)	A	WON	3	2	2		37			2		06
19/08/2011	BATH (F)	H	WON	2		4		26	1	1	1		15
02/09/2011	EDINBURGH	A	WON	3	1	4		38			5		15
11/09/2011	TREVISO	H	WON	2	2	3		33			4	2	18
16/09/2011	ULSTER	A	LOST			1		03	2		2		20
23/09/2011	MUNSTER	H	LOST	1		2		13			6		18
01/10/2011	GLASGOW	H	LOST		2	1		13	4		2		34
08/10/2011	AIRONI	A	WON	4		3		37	3	1			26
15/10/2011	NEWCASTLE (LV)	A	LOST			1		03	4	1			33
23/10/2011	SCARLETS (LV)	H	LOST			1		03	2	2	2		30
29/10/2011	CONNACHT	A	WON	2		3	1	26	2		2		20
11/11/2011	RACING METRO (HC)	A	WON	2		4		26		1	4	1	20
18/11/2011	LONDON IRISH (HC)	H	WON	1	1	4		24			6		18
24/11/2011	AIRONI	H	WON	3	1	4		38					00
02/12/2011	LEINSTER	A	LOST			3		09	5	1	3	1	52
09/12/2011	EDINBURGH (HC)	H	WON	1		4	2	25		1	1		08
16/12/2011	EDINBURGH (HC)	A	LOST			4		12	1		3	1	19
23/12/2011	NG DRAGONS	H	WON	2	1	3		28			3		09
01/01/2012	OSPREYS	A	LOST			3	1	12		1	4		17
07/01/2012	LEINSTER	H	LOST	1		3	1	19	2		3		23
14/01/2012	LONDON IRISH (HC)	A	WON	1		5		22			5		15
22/01/2012	RACING METRO (HC)	H	WON	3		5		36	1	1	6		30
28/01/2012	GLOUCESTER (LV)	A	LOST			1		03	3	2	3		40
05/02/2012	HARLEQUINS (LV)	H	WON	6		1		45	5	1			40
10/02/2012	CONNACHT	H	WON	1		5		22	1	1	1		15
17/02/2012	ULSTER	H	WON	1	1	3		21		1	3		14
24/02/2012	MUNSTER	A	LOST	1		2		13	1		3		16
03/03/2012	TREVISO	A	WON	2		2		20		2	1		13
15/03/2012	NG DRAGONS	A	LOST		1	3		14	1	1	2		18
24/03/2012	SCARLETS	H	LOST	2				14	3	1			26
30/03/2012	GLASGOW	A	LOST			1		03	4		1		31
07/04/2012	LEINSTER (HC)	A	LOST			1		03	4		2		34
14/04/2012	OSPREYS	H	LOST			4		12	3		4		33
22/04/2012	EDINBURGH	H	WON	4	2			38	1		1	1	13
05/05/2012	SCARLETS	A	LOST	1	2	1		20	3	1	1		29

	PL	W	D	L	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
LEAGUE	22	10	0	12	30	13	54	3	446	35	10	51	4	460
(HC) HEINEKEN CUP	07	05	0	2	08	01	27	2	148	06	03	27	2	144
(LV) LV CUP	04	01	0	3	06	0-	04	-	054	14	06	05		143
(F) FRIENDLY	02	02	0	0	05	02	06	-	063	01	01	03	-	021
TOTAL	35	18	0	17	49	16	91	5	711	56	20	86	6	768

CARDIFF BLUES POINTS 2011 - 2012

	PTS	TR	PG	CON	DG
Dan Parks	137	1	31	12	5
Ceri Sweeney	95	1	18	18	
Leigh Halfpenny	92		26	7	
Alex Cuthbert	75	15			
Ben Blair	49		9	11	
Tom James	45	9			
Casey Laulala	20	4			
Gareth Davies	17		5	1	
Macauley Cook	15	3			
Chris Czekaj	15	3			
Dafydd Hewitt	15	3			
Sam Hobbs	15	3			
Lloyd Williams	15	3			
Luke Hamilton	10	2			
Richard Mustoe	10	2			
Andries Pretorius	10	2			
Harry Robinson	10	2			
Martyn Williams	10	2			
Rhys Patchell	6		2		
Cory Allen	5	1			
Mark Breeze	5	1			
Bradley Davies	5	1			
Taufaao Filise	5	1			
Gethin Jenkins	5	1			
Josh Navidi	5	1			
Michael Paterson	5	1			
Xavier Rush	5	1			
Rhys Thomas	5	1			
Sam Warburton	5	1			
	711	65	91	49	5

CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2011-2012

	TOTAL	START	SUBS
Ma'ama Molitika	31	16	15
Richie Rees	29	11	18
Michael Paterson	28	26	2
Scott Andrews	27	20	7
Casey Laulala	26	21	5
Ceri Sweeney	26	16	10
Gavin Evans	25	19	6
Tom James	24	23	1
Chris Czekaj	23	21	2
Xavier Rush	23	21	2
Paul Tito	22	18	4

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**CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2011-2012 (continued)**

	TOTAL	START	SUBS
Sam Hobbs	22	13	9
Alex Cuthbert	21	20	1
Dan Parks	20	15	5
Dafydd Hewitt	20	14	6
Rhys Thomas	19	17	2
John Yapp	19	12	7
Nathan Trevett	18	3	15
Richard Mustoe	17	14	3
Lloyd Williams	16	16	
Josh Navidi	16	10	6
James Down	15	12	3
Ryan Tyrrell	15	9	6
Mark Breeze	14	7	7
Macauley Cook	14	7	7
Bradley Davies	13	13	
Gethin Jenkins	11	11	
Martyn Williams	11	11	
Cory Hill	11	9	2
Lewis Jones	11	6	5
Ryan Harford	11	2	9
Leigh Halfpenny	10	10	
Taufaao Filise	9	9	
Sam Warburton	8	8	
Ben Blair	8	6	2
Luke Hamilton	8	6	2
Gavin Henson	8	6	2
Deiniol Jones	8	6	2
Thomas Young	8	4	4
Gareth Davies	8	3	5
Dan Fish	7	5	2
Harry Robinson	7	4	3
Rhys Williams	7	2	5
Andries Pretorius	6	5	1
Cory Allen	5	4	1
Jamie Roberts	5	4	1
Ellis Jenkins	5	2	3
Kristian Dacey	5		5
Matthew Screech	4		4
Rhys Downes	3	2	1
Rhys Patchell	3	2	1
Owen Williams	3	1	2
Adam Thomas	2	2	
Rhys Shellard	2	1	1
James Corsi	2		2
Will-Griff John	2		2
Lewis Williams	2		2
Thomas Davies	1		1
Sion Hopkins	1		1
Tom Rowlands	1		1
Richard Smith	1		1
Lewis Smout	1		1
Reuben Tucker	1		1
Gareth Williams	1		1

Notes