

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2012-2013

This season 2012-2013 saw the greatest number of players wearing the famous "Blue and Black shirt for Cardiff RFC in ONE season.

Eighty four players represented the Club in the League, British and Irish Cup and friendly matches in thirty six games.

Again our final position in the Principality Table was a low 8<sup>th</sup> (one better than 2011-2012)

During the season many players from our academy structure significantly achieved honours for the Wales Under 20 National team home nation tournament i.e. Ellis Jenkins (captain), Ethan Lewis and Cory Allen.

Also, the National seven-a-side team included several of our players during the World Series, Will Thomas, Cory Allen, Richard Smith, Alex Walker, Gareth Davies, Owen Williams and Jack Phillips.

It is also great to announce that Rhys Patchell, Harry Robinson and Owen Williams will be included in the Welsh XV to tour Japan.

This time last year I reported that the Blues were returning to the Arms Park. Now I can report that a new artificial surface will be installed ready for the 2013-2014 season.

The groupings of the British Irish Cup saw Cardiff RFC in with full time professional outfits of Ulster Ravens and Bristol. Is this good for our academy and development players?

Martin Fowler was appointed as our new coach this season. He is also the director of Rugby at Cardiff University. The coaching team is then made up of Richard Hodges, Jamie Ringer and in November Mark Ring joined the coaching staff. Bob Newman (Team Manager) and Richard Hughes (strength and conditioning coach) have all worked tirelessly during the most difficult season, my sincere thanks to them all.

My thanks also to Dyfrig Owen and his team of physiotherapists and doctors for their huge impact on match days and during training evenings in supporting all the players injuries.

Peter Thomas and his Board of Directors again have been most sympathetic and promoting Cardiff RFC.

A special mention must go to Paul Bailey for his shirt sponsorship to the RFC again this season.

Richard Holland and Peter Ghattas have contributed advice and support and I am most grateful for their concern.

Karl Kruger Williams, Mike Salt and Lisa Peterson together with their staff have supplied supporters and players with excellent services during the season.

Bryan Walker and Matt Jones have had a most difficult season to provide us with a good playing surface, their efforts have been tremendous. However the installation of the new artificial surface will make their job easier.

As Chairman I wish to thank my committee for their admirable support during the past season. Keith Morgan my Vice Chairman, has been a tower of strength in his knowledge of the figures and account details during discussions. Jill Parker with her elaborate minutes and emails dispatched to all members of the committee. Simon Down and Clive Davies our representatives on the Premier League meetings. Simon is also our statistician this season. Steve Davies our representative at the East District meetings. Ian Tabor for his up to date website and programme compilation. Mervyn John, member of

the Management Committee and Trustee of Cardiff Athletic Club for his dexterity and judgement during meetings. Billy Woods, Bob Newman, Ian Robinson and Chris Norman for their comments and suggestions during the season.

My gratitude also to our president Dr C.D Williams for his presence in meetings coupled with his significant contribution and concerns for the RFC. To our director of Rugby Phil Davies who has completed his first challenging season with the Blues and our Head coach Martin Fowler I look forward to what I am confident will be a far better season with both our XV in 2013-2014.

My thanks also go to Abbie Gibbins and Cathy Selio for their work on the administration side of Cardiff RFC.

The supporters club has been most active again this season with their tremendous support to players and for selling programmes and arranging functions. I am extremely grateful for their efforts.

First team caps were gained by Aaron Fowler, Joe Griffin, Lewis Smout, Alwyn Lee, Ben Roach, James Murphy, Steve Cullen and Thomas Young.

In conclusions may I remind you that all three captains of representative sides leaving Wales this summer are from this great Club of ours:

British & Irish Lions tour Australia with captain – SAM WARBURTON

WRU tour Japan with captain - BRADLEY DAVIES

IRB world-20 compete in France with captain – ELLIS JENKINS

Last season everybody was concerned with both the Premiership and Blues teams of their well below positions in their respective league standings. I am confident that Phil and Martin will produce and achieve great performances in the 2013-2014 season.

Many Thanks

John Huw Williams

Chairman

## CARDIFF RFC PLAYING RECORD 2012 – 2013

	OPPONENTS	H/A	Result	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts
04/08/2012	BARRY (F)	A	WON	2	1			19	1		3		16
11/08/2012	LONDON SCOT' (F)	H	LOST	1		1		10	3	1			26
17/08/2012	BEDFORD (F)	A	LOST	1		1		10	9	3			78
22/08/2012	CARDIFF MET (F)	A	WON	1		2	1	16			4		12
25/08/2012	EALING (F)	H	WON	2		1		17	1	1	1		15
01/09/2012	LLANDOVERY	H	LOST	2	1	1		22	3	3	4		48
08/09/2012	CARM'THEN QUINS	A	LOST	2	1	2		25	3	1	3		35
15/09/2012	NEWPORT	H	WON	7	2	1		62	2		1		17
19/09/2012	BRIDGEND	A	WON	5		1		38		1	2		11
23/09/2012	ABERAVON	H	WON		2	2		16			2		6
29/09/2012	SWANSEA	H	WON	1	2	2		23	1	1	1		15
06/10/2012	CROSS KEYS	A	LOST		2	1		13	1	2	1		20
13/10/2012	BRISTOL (BIC)	H	LOST		1	3		14	2		3		23
20/10/2012	BRIDGEND (BIC)	A	LOST	1				7	1		6		25
27/10/2012	LLANELLI	H	LOST	2			1	17	3	1	4		38
03/11/2012	NEATH	H	WON	2	1	2		25	1	1			12
17/11/2012	BEDWAS	A	LOST	2		2		20	2		5		29
23/11/2012	LLANDOVERY	A	LOST			4		12			6		18
30/11/2012	BRIDGEND	H	WON	1		4		19	1		3		16
08/12/2012	ULSTER RAVENS (BIC)	A	LOST		1	3		14	3	2	3		40
15/12/2012	ULSTER RAVENS (BIC)	H	LOST	1				7	4		2		34
21/12/2012	NEWPORT	A	DREW			1	1	6			2		6
12/01/2013	BRIDGEND (BIC)	H	LOST		1	3		14	1	1	4		24
26/01/2013	CARDIFF MET (C)	H	WON	2		2		20	1		3		16
09/02/2013	ABERAVON	A	LOST			1		3		1	2		11
16/02/2013	EBBW VALE (C)	H	LOST		1	2		11	1		3		16
22/02/2013	BRISTOL (BIC)	A	LOST	1	1			12	8	1			61
02/03/2013	CROSS KEYS	H	WON	3		1		24	1	1	2	1	21
09/03/2013	BEDWAS	H	LOST	1	2	2		23	2	1	2		25
24/03/2013	LLANELLI	A	LOST	2		2		20	5	2			45
03/04/2013	CARDIFF+DISTRICT (F)	H	WON	9	1			68		2			10
09/04/2013	PONTYPRIDD	H	LOST	1				7	5				35
16/04/2013	PONTYPRIDD	A	LOST	1		3		16	1		5		22
20/04/2013	CARM'THEN QUINS	H	LOST	5				35	4	3	2		49
23/04/2013	SWANSEA	A	WON	2	2	3		33		1	1		8
27/04/2013	NEATH	A	DREW	1	1	2		18		3	1		18

	PL	W	D	L	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts
FRIENDLY (F)	6	4	0	2	16	2	5	1	140	14	7	8	-	157
CUP (C)	2	1	0	1	2	1	4	-	31	2	-	6	-	32
BIC CUP (BIC)	6	0	0	6	3	4	9	-	68	19	4	18	-	207
LEAGUE	22	8	2	12	40	16	37	2	477	35	22	49	1	505
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>901</b>



**CARDIFF BLUES PLAYING RECORD 2012 – 2013**

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Res	SCORES FOR					SCORES AGAINST				
				G	T	PG	DG	Pts	G	T	PG	DG	Pts
04/08/2012	FREE STATE CH'TAHS (F)	A	WON	3	1	2		32	3	2			31
11/08/2012	WORCESTER (F)	H	LOST	2	1	2		25	3		3		30
18/08/2012	GLOUCESTER (F)	A	LOST		1	1		8	2		2		20
24/08/2012	BATH (F)	A	LOST		1	1		8	2		4		26
01/09/2012	CONNACHT	A	WON	1		2		13			3		9
07/09/2012	EDINBURGH	H	LOST	1		4		19	1	1	2	1	21
15/09/2012	NG DRAGONS	A	WON	1		3		16		1			5
22/09/2012	TREVISO	H	WON	4		2		34	1	1	2		18
28/09/2012	ULSTER	H	LOST	1		4		19	5	2	1		48
06/10/2012	GLASGOW	H	LOST			1		3			6		18
14/10/2012	SALE (HC)	A	LOST	3		4		33	2	1	5		34
21/10/2012	TOULON (HC)	H	LOST		1	3		14	1		5		22
27/10/2012	LEINSTER	A	LOST	2	1	1		22	7	2			59
02/11/2012	MUNSTER	H	LOST	1	1	2		18	3		1		24
09/11/2012	WASPS (LV)	H	WON	2	1	1		22		1	4		17
17/11/2012	LLANELLI SC'LETS (LV)	A	LOST	1		3		16	1		5		22
25/11/2012	ZEBRE	A	WON		1	3		14	1				7
30/11/2012	OSPREYS	A	LOST			4		12	3		4		33
09/12/2012	MONTPELLIER (HC)	H	LOST			7	1	24	1	2	6		35
15/12/2012	MONTPELLIER (HC)	A	LOST	1	1	3		21	4		2		34
21/12/2012	LLANELLI SCARLETS	H	LOST			2		6			3		9
26/12/2012	NG DRAGONS	H	WON			4		12	1		1		10
05/01/2013	MUNSTER	A	WON	2		1		17			2		6
12/01/2013	TOULON (HC)	A	LOST	1	3	1		25	5	2			45
19/01/2013	SALE (HC)	H	WON	2		4		26	2				14
27/01/2013	SARACENS (LV)	A	LOST		1	2		11	1		4		19
01/02/2013	LONDON IRISH (LV)	H	WON	1		1		10			2		6
08/02/2013	LEINSTER	H	LOST		1	2		11	2		4		26
15/02/2013	EDINBURGH	A	WON		1	4		17	1		3		16
22/02/2013	CONNACHT	H	LOST		2	4		22	1	2	3		26
01/03/2013	GLASGOW	A	LOST	1		2		13	3	1	1		29
23/03/2013	TREVISO	A	LOST	2		1		17	2		4		26
30/03/2013	OSPREYS	H	LOST	1		3		16	2		3		23
13/04/2013	ZEBRE	H	WON	2	1	3		28	1		2		13
20/04/2013	LLANELLI SCARLETS	A	LOST			2		6	3		1		24
03/05/2013	ULSTER	A	LOST	1		1	1	13	4		3		37

	PL	W	D	L	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
LEAGUE	22	8	0	14	20	8	55	1	348	41	10	49	1	487
(HC) EUROPE	6	1	0	5	7	5	22	1	143	15	5	18	-	184
(LV) LV CUP	4	2	0	2	4	2	7	-	59	2	1	15	-	64
(F) FRIENDLY	4	1	0	3	5	4	6	-	73	10	2	9	-	107
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>842</b>

**CARDIFF BLUES POINTS 2012 - 2013**

	TR	PG	CON	DG	PTS
PATCHELL RHYS	1	39	12	2	152
HALFPENNY LEIGH	5	26	12		127
SWEENEY CERI	1	12	8		57
CUTHBERT ALEX	9				45
DAVIES GARETH		8	3		30
TOVEY JASON	2	5	1		27
HEWITT DAFYDD	4				20
COPELAND ROBIN	3				15
JAMES TOM	3				15
ROBINSON HARRY	3				15
WILLIAMS TOM	3				15
EVANS GAVIN	2				10
FISH DAN	2				10
JONES LEWIS	2				10
PATERSON MICHAEL	2				10
ROBERTS JAMIE	2				10
WILLIAMS OWEN	2				10
COOK MACAULEY	1				5
CZEKAJ CHRIS	1				5
HAMILTON LUKE	1				5
MA'AFU CAMPESE	1				5
NAVIDI JOSH	1				5
REED LOU	1				5
TREVETT NATHAN	1				5
WARBURTON SAM	1				5
WILLIAMS LLOYD	1				5
	55	90	36	2	623

**CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2012-2013**

Notes

	TOTAL	START	SUBS
FILISE TAUFAAO	31	22	9
EVANS GAVIN	30	28	2
DOWN JAMES	28	25	3
COPELAND ROBIN	28	19	9
JONES LEWIS	27	19	8
NAVIDI JOSH	26	24	2
PATCHELL RHYS	26	23	3
REED LOU	26	18	8
ROBINSON HARRY	24	24	
ANDREWS SCOTT	24	11	13
WILLIAMS OWEN	23	19	4
BOURRUST BENOIT	23	15	8
WILLIAMS RHYS	22	14	8
HEWITT DAFYDD	21	18	3
BREEZE MARK	21	11	10
SWEENEY CERI	21	10	11
PRETORIUS ANDRIES	20	17	3
TOVEY JASON	20	16	4
TREVETT NATHAN	19	9	10
WILLIAMS LLOYD	18	14	4
HOBBS SAM	18	11	7
HAMILTON LUKE	18	9	9
WARBURTON SAM	17	17	
WATTS-JONES RORY	17	11	6
DACEY KRISTIAN	16	6	10
DAVIES GARETH	16	3	13
JAMES TOM	15	15	
COOK MACAULEY	14	9	5
CUTHBERT ALEX	13	13	
DAVIES BRADLEY	13	12	1
PATERSON MICHAEL	13	11	2
FISH DAN	13	10	3
HALFPENNY LEIGH	12	11	1
ROBERTS JAMIE	12	11	1
WILLIAMS TOM	11	6	5
KYRIACOU ANDY	9	5	4
YOUNG THOMAS	9	3	6
WALKER ALEX	9	2	7
DAVIES THOMAS	8	1	7
LEWIS ROB	7	1	6
CZEKAJ CHRIS	6	4	2
SMITH RICHARD	6	4	2
MA'AFU CAMPESE	6	2	4
PAULO FILO	5	4	1
ALLEN CORY	3	1	2
HILL CORY	3	1	2
DAVIES LIAM	2		2
HARFORD RYAN	1	1	
COOPER-WOOLLEY JAKE	1		1
TAMBA PAETRU	1		1
THOMAS ADAM	1		1
	<b>773</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>233</b>