

Cardiff RFC- Chairman's end of season report 2017/18

Whilst writing the chairman's report, it was announced by Cardiff Blues that Peter Thomas was stepping down as chairman of the region in forthcoming year. He will handover the reigns to a new chairman in readiness for season 2019/20. Peter will remain as a major shareholder of the board and also take his position of Life President.

Peter's contribution to Cardiff Rugby has been colossal, without his financial backing there would be a strong possibility that professional rugby in Cardiff would not exist.

We owe him a great debt of gratitude for his services to Cardiff and wish him well in the future.

With a clear involvement from WRU, they have recognised the need to support the Region not only with extra finance but clear guidelines on the governance of the board. There will be an appointment of three non executive directors and continued dialogue on how the Blues can expand on its position of being based in the capital city.

Cardiff Blues season ended successfully, reaching the position of fourth in Conference A, which gains them a Champions Cup entry next season.

Obviously the winning of the European Challenge Cup against Gloucester in Bilbao was a tremendous victory, coming back from a half time deficit of 20-6. The sheer determination of the players in the second half was legendary, with Ellis Jenkins and Gareth Anscombe inspirational.

The sad loss of coaches Danny Wilson & Matt Sherratt to Scotland & Ospreys respectively, we certainly wish them well in their new positions.

Congratulations and welcome to new head coach John Mulvihill on signing a three year deal, building on Danny Wilson's legacy.

Also good luck to new staff members Jason Strange and Tom Smith, together with Duane Goodfield and Richard Hodges on the completion of 1st team coaching group.

Cardiff RFC season ended disappointedly, with a final position of 8th in the 16 team premiership league. However there were strong periods where the team were in the top three but the injury count was surreal, with many first team players unavailable in the last three months of the competition, notably the loss of our captain Joe Tomlinson, so early in the season. However the 5 game winning run was the highlight especially the victory at Carmarthen Quins 34-10

With the advent of A team/under 23 rugby next year, we have the benefit of head coach Steve Law having more players at his disposal. It has been recognised that there will only be ten fixtures or so, leaving many players without rugby during the season.

Notwithstanding that, Steve has secured a Cardiff squad independently from the Blues, which he believes can seriously challenge any team next year. It must be recognised how important next season is, as the league is being whittled down to 12 teams the year after. The idea of Cardiff RFC not being in the top flight is unthinkable. Steve has met the Blues regularly when securing next years squad and the quality available is very encouraging, namely Martin Roberts, Morgan Allen, Steff Jones, Zac O' Driscoll, Kieron Martin. Joe Gatt, Mathew Powell & Morgan Griffiths have all signed recently.

The premiership in season 2018/19 will remain (at present), East/West divisions of 8 teams, will secure 29 games including a host of local derby's, with the added excitement of the importance of every game, as 4 teams will be relegated and the bottom fifth team will have a play off with the winners of the Championship.

Congratulations on the following players receiving their caps, namely Llywarch Ap Myrddin, Ian Jenkins, Will Rees Hole, Ben White, Frazer Young, Peter Lloyd & Rhodri Cole.

Gareth Thompson was top point's scorer with 242 points a gain of forty from his last years total. Will Rees Hole was top try scorer with 15 tries.

The player with most appearances was Luke Crocker (Flanker), who played in 29 games, who also gained the player of the year Award. The most promising player of the year was awarded to Peter Lloyd (Prop), whilst playing under permit from Glamorgan Wanderers; he played like a seasoned pro in this year's premiership.

Thank You
Chris Norman
Chairman, Cardiff RFC

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CARDIFF RFC POINTS 2017 - 2018

	TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
THOMPSON GARETH	6	34	55		242
REES-HOLE WILL	15				75
THOMAS BEN	1	10	11		57
FISH DAN	7				35
AP MYRDDIN LLYWARCH	5		2		29
JENKINS IAN	5				25
JONES ADAM	5				25
DALEY TOM	4				20
JONES LEWIS	4				20
LEWIS PAT	4				20
BEAL JAMES	3				15
CROCKER LUKE	3				15
HOWELLS COREY	3				15
LANE OWEN	3				15
PENALTY TRY	2				14
COLE RHODRI	2		1		12
JONES BEN		2	3		12
BROWN KEIRON	2				10
DIXON JAMES		2	2		10
HUISH NATHAN	2				10
PITMAN RORY	2				10
WHITE BEN	2				10
BENNETT SION	1				5
BOTHAM JAMES	1				5
GREENFIELD JAMES	1				5
GRIFFITHS NICKY	1				5
JIWA-WAJI AMIR	1				5
MURPHY JAMES	1				5
NORMAN DALE MILES	1				5
PHILLIPS JACK	1				5
ROBERTS JACK	1				5
SHEEKEY JAMES	1				5
SMITH DAFYDD	1				5
SMITH KRIS	1				5
TUCKER COREY	1				5
WATKIN GERAINT	1				5
FISH LUKE		1			3
MARTIN JOSH		1			3
	94	50	74		772

CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCES 2017 - 2018

TOTAL		START	REP
29	CROCKER LUKE	27	2
28	THOMPSON GARETH	24	4
27	AP MYRDDIN LLYWARCH	25	2
26	REES-HOLE WILL	26	
26	JENKINS IAN	20	6
26	WHITE BEN	18	8
24	YOUNG FRASER	13	11
23	MURPHY JAMES	21	2
23	LLOYD PETER	20	3
23	COLE RHODRI	15	8
19	DALEY TOM	14	5
18	WATKIN GERAINT	7	11
17	BEAL JAMES	17	
16	MILES JOE	10	6
16	BROWN KEIRON	6	10
15	BRADBURY CALLUM	14	1
15	JONES ADAM	12	3
15	WILSON TOM	5	10
14	FISH DAN	13	1
14	LEWIS PAT	12	2
14	TARRANT CORRIE	1	13
13	COURT ADAM		13
12	PHILLIPS JACK	11	1
12	THOMAS BEN	5	7
11	CARRE RHYS	11	
11	SMITH DAFYDD	8	3
10	HOWELLS COREY	8	2
10	JONES LEWIS	8	2
10	TUCKER COREY	6	4
9	TUCKER REUBEN	7	2
9	GREENFIELD JAMES	1	8
9	SMITH KRIS	1	8
8	SMYTH OLLIE	5	3
8	YOUNG CERI	5	3
8	SPRIGGS RYAN		8
7	TOMLINSON JOE	7	
7	PITMAN RORY	5	2
7	GRIFFITHS HARRI	2	5
7	MABLY TOM	2	5
6	LANE OWEN	6	
6	NORMAN DALE MILES	6	
6	GRIFFITHS NICKY	2	4
5	BOTHAM JAMES	5	

TOTAL		START	REP
5	BENNETT SION	4	1
5	JIWA-WAJI AMIR	2	3
5	DIXON JAMES	1	4
5	DOWDING KEN	1	4
5	HALE MIKE		5
4	DOWN JAMES	4	
4	LEWIS ETHAN	3	1
4	HUISH NATHAN	2	2
4	LEWIS ROB	1	3
3	LEWIS DILLON	3	
3	SHEEKEY JAMES	3	
3	LLOYD OWEN	2	1
3	WILLIAMS CHRIS	2	1
2	ASSIRATTI KIERON	2	
2	CRIMMINS DAN	2	
2	ROBERTS JACK	2	
2	BOWDEN LEWIS	1	1
2	DAVIES BLEDDYN	1	1
2	FORD LUKE	1	1
2	LITTLE JAMES	1	1
2	OLIVER TYLER	1	1
2	REECE LEWIS		2
1	FISH LUKE	1	
1	JONES BEN	1	
1	JONES GWION	1	
1	LEWIS CAMERON	1	
1	LEWIS JAMES	1	
1	MALONE SCOTT	1	
1	MARTIN JOSH	1	
1	MYHILL KIRBY	1	
1	PEIKRISHVILI ANTON	1	
1	THYER BRADLEY	1	
1	EVANS DAVID		1
1	EVANS JACK		1
1	GIBBON CAMERON		1
1	GRIFFITHS LLOYD		1
1	HAVEN JAKE		1
1	JENKINS LIAM		1
1	LOXTON JAMES		1
1	MORRIS CALLUM		1
1	O'DONNELL DANIEL		1
1	REES CODY		1
1	SMITH PAUL		1
711	EBBW VALE	480	231

CARDIFF BLUES PLAYING RECORD 2017 - 2018

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	RESULT	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
19/08/2017	LONDON SCOTTISH (F)	A	WON	2	4			34	1	2	2		23
25/08/2017	EXETER(F)	H	WON	1	1	3		21	2		2		20
01/09/2017	EDINBURGH	H	LOST	1		1		10	2		2		20
08/09/2017	LEINSTER	A	LOST			3		9	4		3		37
16/09/2017	GLASGOW	H	LOST	1		4		19	2		2		20
23/09/2017	CONNACHT	A	WON	2		1		17	1	1	1		15
30/09/2017	MUNSTER	A	LOST	1		3		16	4	1	2		39
06/10/2017	DRAGONS	H	WON	5	1	1		43	3	1	1		29
13/10/2017	LYON (E2)	H	WON	3	1	1		29	2	1			19
20/10/2017	TOULOUSE (E2)	A	WON	2		1		17	1	1	1		15
28/10/2017	SCARLETS	A	LOST	2		1		17	2	2	2		30
04/11/2017	ZEBRE	H	WON	3	2	2		37		1	1		8
11/11/2017	NEWCASTLE (AW)	A	LOST					0	5	4			57
17/11/2017	OSPREYS (AW)	H	LOST	1		3		16	2		4		26
24/11/2017	CONNACHT	H	WON	3		5		36	2	2	2		30
01/12/2017	GLASGOW	A	LOST	1		3		16	5	1			40
09/12/2017	SALE (E2)	A	LOST					0	1	1	4		24
17/12/2017	SALE (E2)	H	WON		1	3		14			2		6
26/12/2017	DRAGONS	A	WON	2	1	1		22	1	1	1		17
31/12/2017	SCARLETS	H	LOST		1	2		11	2				14
06/01/2018	OSPREYS	A	LOST	2	1	3		28	3	1	1		29
14/01/2018	TOULOUSE (E2)	H	WON	1	1	2		18	1			2	13
20/01/2018	LYON (E2)	A	WON	2	1			21	1	1	2		18
27/01/2018	LEICESTER (AW)	A	LOST	1	1			12	3		1		24
02/02/2018	LONDON IRISH (AW)	H	LOST	3				21	6				42
10/02/2018	CHEETAHS	H	WON	2	1	2		25	2		2		20
17/02/2018	MUNSTER	H	WON	2	1	2		25	1	1	2		18
25/02/2018	ZEBRE	A	WON	1		1		10	1				7
16/03/2018	TREVISIO	H	WON	4		1		31	2	1	2		25
24/03/2018	ULSTER	H	WON	3	1	3		35		1	4		17
31/03/2018	EDINBURGH (E2)	A	WON	2		2		20			2		6
07/04/2018	CHEETAHS	A	LOST	3		2		27	2	2	1		29
14/04/2018	SOUTHERN KINGS	A	WON	5	2			45	1	1			12
21/04/2018	PAU (E2)	H	WON	1		3		16	1		1		10
28/04/2018	OSPREYS	H	LOST	2		3		23	2		3	1	26
11/05/2018	GLOUCESTER (E2)	N	WON	2	1	4		31	3		3		30
				66	22	66	0	772	71	27	55	4	815
(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 2 WON 2 DREW 0 LOST 0				3	5	3		55	3	2	4		43
(E2) EUROPE PLAYED 9 WON 8 DREW 0 LOST 1				13	5	16		166	10	4	15	2	141
(AW) ANGLO WELSH PLAYED 4 WON 0 DREW 0 LOST 4				5	1	3		49	16	4	5		149
LEAGUE PLAYED 21 WON 11 DREW 0 LOST 10				45	11	44		502	42	17	31	2	482
TOTAL PLAYED 36 WON 21 DREW 0 LOST 15				66	22	66		772	71	27	55	4	815
PENALTY TRY = 7 POINTS													

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	TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
EVANS JARROD	2	33	42		193
ANSCOMBE GARETH	3	18	8		85
SHINGLER STEVE		15	16		77
SUMMERHILL ALED	7				35
HALAHOLO WILLIS	6				30
LANE OWEN	6				30
COOK MACAULEY	5				25
MORGAN MATTHEW	5				25
JAMES TOM	4				20
JENKINS ELLIS	4				20
LEE-LOREYNOLD	4				20
SCULLY BLAINE	4				20
WILLIAMS LLOYD	4				20
WILLIAMS NICK	4				20
WILLIAMS TOMOS	4				20
MYHILL KIRBY	3				15
SMITH GARYN	3				15
CUTHBERT ALEX	2				10
DACEY KRISTIAN	2				10
DAVIESSEBASTIAN	2				10
MILLARD HARRI	2				10
ROBINSON OLLY	2				10
TURNBULL JOSH	2				10
PENALTY TRY	1				7
DOMACHOWSKI COREY	1				5
EARLE GEORGE	1				5
JONES LEWIS	1				5
LEWIS DILLON	1				5
NAVIDI JOSH	1				5
REES MATTHEW	1				5
ROBERTS JACK	1				5
	88	66	66		772

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	TOTAL	START	REP
TURNBULL JOSH	32	22	10
WILLIAMS TOMOS	30	15	15
WILLIAMS LLOYD	27	16	11
LEE-LOREYNOLD	25	21	4
EVANS JARROD	25	20	5
WILLIAMS NICK	24	24	
DAVIESSEBASTIAN	24	20	4
SMITH GARYN	24	19	5
COOK MACAULEY	24	17	7
MYHILL KIRBY	24	9	15
WELCH DAMIEN	23	17	6
MORGAN MATTHEW	23	16	7
ROBINSON OLLY	23	15	8
THURER BRADLEY	23	10	13
HALAHOLO WILLIS	22	21	1
SHINGLER STEVE	22	9	13
LANE OWEN	21	19	2
NAVIDI JOSH	20	19	1
REES MATTHEW	19	17	2
EARLE GEORGE	19	15	4
DOWN JAMES	19	10	9
GILL RHYS	17	12	5
ANSCOMBE GARETH	16	15	1
CUTHBERT ALEX	16	15	1
PEIKRISHVILI ANTON	16	10	6
ASSIRATTI KIERON	16	4	12
DOMACHOWSKI COREY	16	4	12
LEWIS DILLON	16	4	12
FILISE TAUFA'AO	15	15	
SCULLY BLAINE	15	13	2
WILLIAMS RHUN	15	12	3
JAMES TOM	15	11	4
JENKINS ELLIS	15	11	4
SUMMERHILL ALED	14	13	1
DACEY KRISTIAN	13	8	5
LEWIS ETHAN	13	2	11
JENKINS GETHIN	12	10	2
ANDREWS SCOTT	9	3	6
JONES LEWIS	7	4	3
BENNETT SION	7	3	4
MILLARD HARRI	6	3	3

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CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2017 - 2018

	TOTAL	START	REP
MURPHY BEN	5	1	4
ROBERTS JACK	4	4	
BLACKER DANE	4	1	3
FISH DAN	4	1	3
JONES BEN	4	1	3
CARRE RHYS	4		4
LLEWELLYN MAX	4		4
LEWIS-HUGHES SHANE	3	2	1
BOTHAM JAMES	2	2	
HOWELLS COREY	2	2	
LAWRENCE ALUN	2	1	1
LLOYD OWEN	2		2
PHILLIPS KRISTIAN	2		2
THOMAS BEN	2		2
EDWARDS RYAN	1	1	
WHITE BEN	1	1	
BRADBURY CALLUM	1		1
CROCKER LUKE	1		1
CULLEN REISS	1		1
GIBSON SCOTT	1		1
LEWIS CAMERON	1		1
MILES JOE	1		1
TOTAL	814	540	274