

1878=1879.



DURING this season, R. H. Foa being captain, twenty matches were played ; Cardiff winning sixteen and losing four, no match being drawn. The fixture list shows twenty-seven matches arranged, but one was abandoned owing to floods and six to frost. This leads me to remark that our ground has ever been liable to floods and frost. The season is memorable from the fact that a brilliant player—Percy Heard—started his football career. Scoring 17 tries, 7 of which were obtained in one match against Blaenavon, and, according to the newspaper reports, he was a particularly clever player. W. D. Phillips, who was top scorer last season, only scoring 2 tries. Cardiff entered for the challenge cup, and reached the final, playing Newport at home and losing by 1 goal 2 tries 4 touches-down to nil. Quite a lot of public interest was taken in this match, and the Newport team, on returning to their town, received a popular ovation from their townspeople. The Cardiff team consisted of—

Back : W. B. Ferrier :

Three-quarter-backs : A. R. Macdonald, R. H. Foa (capt.),

Half-back : F. Perch.

Quarter-backs : P. K. Heard, A. W. Watts,

Forwards : W. D. Phillips, B. B. Mann, G. D. Thomas, B. Godfrey,
T. D. Rees, F. S. Thomas, J. A. Jones, B. E. Girling, A. Evans.

Of all those who took part in that match, only two are now officially connected with football at the present time—H. S. Lyne and W. D. Phillips.

This match was played in the Sophia Gardens, before a record crowd for these days. The field of play had been enclosed by posts with ropes stretching between them.

The match had been extensively advertised, and all this aroused great interest in the town and neighbourhood, and thousands of spectators, including at least 1,000 from Newport, stood several rows deep round the ropes, and also lined the bank which runs along the eastern side of the field.

It was a very spirited game, and fought out with the utmost good feeling on both sides.

The men specially mentioned as having played well for Cardiff were P. K. Heard, A. W. Watts, B. Godfrey, W. D. Phillips, and Fleming S. Thomas. Spittle and Geo. Rosser were most in evidence on the Newport side.

Gate money was charged, and amounted to the sum of £72 odd. This was one of the first occasions for Cardiff to charge gate money, and it caused great resentment, and several people wrote to the papers expressing disapproval of any charge at all.

Although this big sum of money for these times was taken, very little remained to be divided between the two clubs, as the expenditure in advertising and roping the ground off were very heavy.

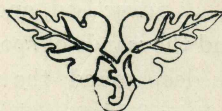
There was a team at Ely this season, but no fixture with Cardiff appears to have been played. The leading spirit of this Club was Albert Williams, who was considered one of the best forwards of the day. Several of the Cardiff players also played for Ely, when they were not engaged in representing their own Club.

Taking all things into consideration, this must be reckoned a successful season, as sixteen of the twenty matches were won, and the score of 23 goals and 41 tries to 9 goals and 4 tries must be considered very satisfactory.

With such a number of away matches in the fixture list, it must have cost the players a considerable sum of money, as every one had to pay his own rail and other expenses, there never being any funds available for these purposes, hence the absence of an official treasurer, the hon. secretary having care of what money there was.

A glance at the names of the players will shew the present generation of football enthusiasts that there are a number of men in Cardiff whom they know personally, or by sight, but learn for the first time that they were old Cardiff Club football players.

It is to be noted that football was being taken up by several towns in South Wales, as a reference to the fixture list will show.



List of Officers.

Season 1878=1879.

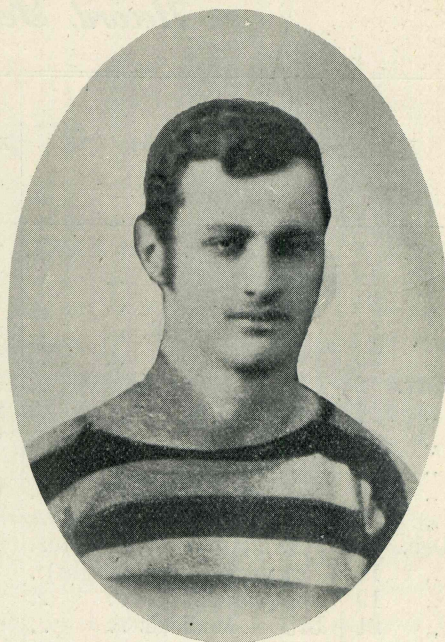
Committee :

W. G. JONES, E. C. FRY,
B. E. GIRLING, W. J. M. HERBERT,
F. S. TRAYES.

Captain : R. H. FOA.

Vice-Captain : W. D. PHILLIPS.

Hon. Secretary : J. A. JONES.



R. H. FOA.

Names and Positions of those who played during the Season.

Full-backs : W. G. Jones, Cuthbert Riches, W. D. Phillips, W. B. Ferrier,
W. H. Biggs.

Three-quarter-backs : R. H. Foa, A. W. Watts, P. K. Heard, W. B. Ferrier,
W. Dalziel, W. D. Phillips, W. G. Jones.

Half-backs : W. D. Phillips, T. W. Rees, R. H. Foa, W. G. Jones, W. J. M. Herbert,
—Foster, A. R. McDonald, H. F. D. Sewell, W. F. Evans.

Quarter-backs : A. W. Watts, P. K. Heard, T. W. Rees, E. C. Fry, W. D. Phillips,
F. Perch, L. Watkins.

Flying man : E. C. Fry.

Forwards : B. E. Girling, A. R. McDonald, A. L. Batchelor, E. D. Thomas, C. Cooper,
J. H. Young, W. H. Treatt, W. Thomas, J. A. Jones, F. S. Thomas,
B. Godfrey, T. W. Rees, W. D. Phillips, F. S. Trayes, G. A. Evans,
B. B. Mann, A. E. Sykes, C. Waring, W. Williams, H. F. D. Sewell,
J. V. Thomas, A. Duncan, J. J. David, H. Calcutt, E. James, T. Thomas,
J. Evans, G. Richmond, Abe Evans, E. C. Reed, H. A. Heard, T. Evans,
W. W. Mitchell, F. Perry, W. Buckle, A. W. Evans, T. D. Rees.

Record, Season 1878-1879.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR				AGAINST					
				Goals	Tries	Touches down	Touches in Goal	Goals	Tries	Touches down	Touches in Goal		
1878.													
Oct. 5	First XV. v. Next XXXI.	won	H	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 19	Merthyr	won	A	-	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 24	Blaenavon	won	H	6	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 26	Cowbridge Coll. .. .	won	H	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 30	Pontypool.. .. .	won	A	*1	3	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nov. 2	Cheltenham Col. .. .	lost	A	-	-	-	-	3	1	6	-	-	-
" 7	Pontypridd	won	H	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 9	Rockleaze	won	H	-	3	8	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
" 13	Aberdare	-	A	Abandoned (floods)				-	-	-	-	-	-
" 16	Swansea	won	H	1	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
" 23	Newport	lost	A	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	-	-
Dec. 7	10th Glam. Rifles (Cup) .. .	won	Cardiff	4	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
" 16	Newport (Electric Light) .. .	-	A	Abandoned (frost)				-	-	-	-	-	-
" 19	Pontypridd	-	H	-	-	-	-	Do.	-	do.	-	-	-
" 21	Bristol Medicals	-	A	-	-	-	-	Do.	-	do.	-	-	-
1879.													
Jan. 2	Pontypool.. .. .	won	H	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
" 4	Neath	won	H	1†	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 8	Bridgend	-	A	Postponed (frost)				-	-	-	-	-	-
" 11	Swansea	-	A	-	-	-	-	Do.	-	do.	-	-	-
" 15	Aberdare	-	H	-	-	-	-	Do.	-	do.	-	-	-
" 18	E. Thomas' Team (Rhon'a)	won	H	†2	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb. 1	Newport	lost	H	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
" 8	Bristol Medicals	won	H	*3	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
" 22	Cowbridge Coll.	won	A	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mar. 8	Newport (Cup)	lost	H	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	-	-	-
" 15	Rockleaze	won	Bristol	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 29	Neath	won	A	†1	1	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
				24	41	61	2	9	4	23	1		

* Penalty Goal. † Dropped Goal. ‡ Disputed Goal.

Matches played, 20; Won, 16; Lost, 4.

Dropped goals—A. W. Watts, 2. Penalty goals—R. H. Foa, 2.

Try getters : P. K. Heard, 17; W. W. Mitchell, 1; F. Perch, 5; W. Dalziel, 1; W. G. Jones, 1; F. Sewell, 1; A. W. Watts, 7; J. A. Jones, 3; B. Godfrey, 2; E. C. Fry, 2; A. Duncan, 1; R. H. Foa, 1; F. S. Traves, 1; E. M. Jones, 1; B. Girling, 1; B. B. Mann, 2; W. D. Phillips, 2; L. Watkins, 1; J. Evans, 1; R. MacDonald, 1; T. W. Rees, 2; J. H. Young, 1; E. D. Thomas, 3; B. Batchelor, 1; C. Cooper, 1; G. A. Evans, 1.

Newport v. Cardiff,

— SOUTH WALES CHALLENGE CUP, —

Sophia Gardens, March 8th, 1879.



W. G. JONES (*umpire*), A. W. WATTS, P. K. HEARD, A. J. EVANS,
FLEMING S. THOMAS, B. E. GIRLING, R. H. FOA (*capt.*), T. W. REES, W. D. PHILLIPS, J. A. JONES,
B. GODFREY, E. D. THOMAS, READ McDONALD, W. B. FERRIER, FRED PERCH, B. B. MANN.

