

1881=1882.



A STRONG list of fixtures was arranged for this season under the captaincy of B. E. Girling; W. D. Phillips becoming vice-captain; and most of last season's players were available, and there were also several new players, amongst whom was T. M. Barlow, who ultimately developed into a first-class full-back, and was quite as good, if not better, than any other full-back who has ever represented Cardiff.

Twenty two matches were played, Cardiff losing no less than ten, and drawing four. Moseley inflicted two of the defeats, an achievement they have never since been able to accomplish in one season.

This poor record was brought about by the constant changes which were made in the team, so many men meeting with accidents. In the Moseley match alone, three Cardiff men were injured and had to leave the field.

It is noticeable that there were three different Newport clubs played, and three matches with Swansea. Another match on the list to be noted is the London Harlequins, who were the first London team to play on the Park. This match aroused considerable interest, and produced a splendid game, the two teams being most evenly matched in weight, appearance and physique. In the visitors three-quarter line was A. E. Stoddart, the great English international three-quarter.

Prior to the commencement of the season the playing ground had been re-levelled and re-turfed, and a grand stand for the convenience of the spectators, and the ladies in particular, erected at a cost of £50. The stand was placed on what is now known as the 6d. or Canton side of the ground, and towards the river goal line, and was capable of seating about 300 people.

Football was taking a greater hold on the public, and the crowds attending the matches often used to number three or four thousand.

This support enabled the Club to carry on the season comfortably, and have a balance of £6 12s. 2d., on the right side to carry forward.

Cardiff again entered for the Cup, meeting in the first round Newport Crusaders on the Cardiff Arms Park, on February 4th, and winning by 1 goal 3 tries to nil. The next tie was won against Bridgend by two tries, but on February 18th, Cardiff were defeated by Newport by 4 goals 1 try to 1 goal, the final being between Llanelli and Newport, the latter winning by 1 try, 4 touches-down, to 1 try, 2 touches-down, 7 points to 5.

The second fifteen played several matches, but not much interest was taken in their doings.

There was no international match with England this year owing to the complete rout of the Welshmen the previous season, but Wales played the North of England, at Newport, on the 16th of January, 1882, the match ending in a victory for the North of England by 1 goal and 3 touches-down to 1 try and 3 touches-down. Wales thus showed much improvement on her performance against England the previous season. The Cardiff players taking part in the match were R. Bridie, W. D. Phillips, T. Williams and B. E. Girling.

Wales also met Ireland for the first time, and won by 2 goals and 2 tries to nil. W. B. Norton and W. D. Phillips being the Cardiff representatives.

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T. M. BARLOW, H. J. SIMPSON, T. J. HINTON, J. A. JONES, W. B. PHILLIPS, ALEC DUNCAN (*umpire*), E. LAYBOURNE,
W. D. PHILLIPS, B. E. GIRLING (*capt.*), W. B. NORTON, TOM WILLIAMS,
WALTER WILLIAMS, R. TROTTER, EDGAR WATTS, A. J. EVANS, W. SPICKETT

List of Officers.

Season 1881-1882.

Committee :

J. G. STOTHERT, W. B. NORTON,
J. A. JONES, E. D. THOMAS,
W. PERCH.

Match Committee :

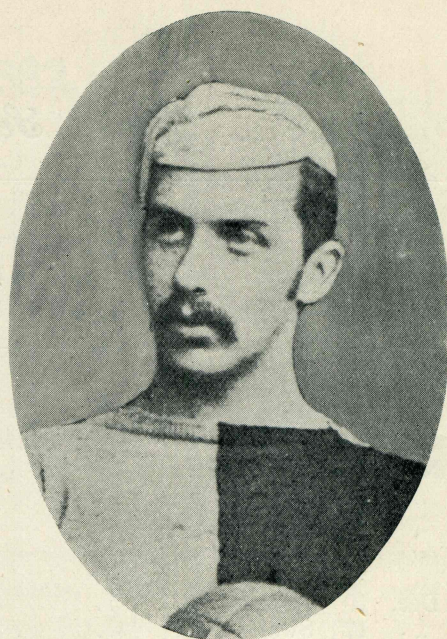
B. E. GIRLING, W. B. NORTON,
E. D. THOMAS.

Captain : B. E. GIRLING.

Vice-Captain : W. D. PHILLIPS,

Captain Second XV. :
A. J. EVANS.

Hon. Sec. : W. H. TREATT.



B. E. GIRLING.

Names and Positions of those who played during the Season.



Full-backs : A. Hybart, F. Hybart, T. Williams, T. M. Barlow, O. Phillips.

Three-quarter-backs : W. B. Norton, W. D. Phillips, Q. D. Kedzlie, W. Williams,
W. H. Treatt, T. Williams, E. Watts, W. F. Evans, J. A. Jones.

Half-backs : J. V. Davies, F. M. Arthur, — Herbert, W. Spickett, F. Perry, C. Bran-
fill, T. Williams, B. Arthur, H. Douglas, W. George, P. K. Heard.

Quarter-backs : W. Spickett, T. Williams, —. Morris, —. Higgings.

Flying-man : F. M. Arthur.

Forwards : B. E. Girling, W. H. Treatt, R. Trotter, E. D. Thomas, J. F. Grimes,
A. J. Evans, H. J. Simpson, W. G. Jones, E. Laybourne, J. Hinton,
C. Cooper, W. M. Douglas, T. Williams, A. Evans, J. S. Smith, J. A. Jones,
F. Perry, W. P. Phillips, B. Smith, A. Cullebread, G. Grimes, W. B.
Norton, H. A. Evans, B. Godfrey, C. Wait, G. Evans, — Gregory,
W. Spickett.

Record, Season 1881-1882.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR				AGAINST			
				Goals	Tries	Touches down	Touches in Goal	Goals	Tries	Touches down	Touches in Goal
1881.											
Oct. 15	Moseley	lost	H	-	-	1	-	2	2 ⁺	5	-
„ 22	Weston Rangers..	lost	H	-	2	-	-	1	3	-	-
„ 29	Clifton	lost	A	-	-	2	-	3	3	-	-
Nov. 5	Bridgend	won	H	-	2	10	-	-	-	2	-
„ 9	Irish Rovers ..	won	H	-	1 ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-
„ 12	Newport Crusaders	lost	H	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
„ 19	Llanelly	won	H	1 ⁺	-	-	-	-	2 ⁺	-	-
„ 26	Swansea	lost	A	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Dec. 10	Newport	drawn	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
„ 17	Swansea	drawn	H	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
„ 26	Swansea	won	H	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
„ 31	Bridgend	drawn	A	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	-
1882.											
Jan. 21	Aberdare	lost	A	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
„ 28	Weston	lost	A	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Feb. 4	Newport Crusaders (Cup)	won	H	1	3	3	-	-	-	1	1
„ 11	Bridgend (Cup) ..	won	H	-	2	3	-	-	-	2	-
„ 18	Newport (Cup) ..	lost	A	1	-	-	-	4	1	3	-
Mar. 4	Moseley	lost	A	-	-	3	-	2	-	2	-
„ 11	Newport	lost	A	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	1
„ 18	Newport Roy. Oaks	won	A	7	1	6	-	-	1 ⁺	-	-
„ 25	Newport Crusaders	won	H	†6	2	3	1	1	-	2	-
April 1	London Harlequins	drawn	H	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
				16	17	38	1	15	19	27	4

† One dropped. ‡ One disputed.

Matches played, 22; Won, 8; Drawn, 4; Lost, 10.

Try getters : E. D. Thomas, 1; A. J. Evans, 3; W. Williams, 1; H. J. Simpson, 2; J. A. Jones, 3; Tom Williams, 7; J. Clare, 2; W. H. Treatt, 3; E. Laybourne, 1; J. Hinton, 1; P. K. Heard, 1; W. B. Norton, 1; F. M. Arthur, 1; C. Howells, 1; W. D. Phillips, 1; J. F. Grimes, 1; two tries in Weston Rangers match no scorers given.

Dropped Goal : T. M. Barlow, 1.