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**J.** J. SIMPSON was re-elected captain, W. D. Phillips again acting as vice-captain. A strong list of fixtures had been arranged, in fact, the strongest arranged by this Club up to that time. In all it will be seen that 24 matches were played, 15 being won, 7 lost, and 2 drawn, also that Cardiff lost the first match of the season as they did in the previous season, but there is some excuse for them losing this match as they took on the then famous Wakefield Trinity football team.

It might be said that it was this season that Cardiff really came into prominence in the football world. Matches had been arranged with Wakefield Trinity, London Harlequins, Queen's College, Cork, and the German Gymnasium, London, in addition to the usual fixtures.

The team was regarded at the outset as a good one, but misfortune overtook them in the first match, their full-back, T. M. Barlow, being injured, and was never again able to take his place in the team, and for a long time no one could be found to satisfactorily fill the position. Hugh Hughes, better known as "Sawdust Hughes," was ultimately discovered and played full-back. He was noted as a splendid kick, and a great place kicker.

Referring to the Wakefield Trinity Match. This was the first time for a Yorkshire team to visit Cardiff, and a good number of spectators witnessed a most interesting match, the drop-kicking of Bartram, a celebrated English player, and the dribbles of L. C. Thomas for Cardiff, being the outstanding features. A very severe defeat was that sustained at Cheltenham, as the score will show, but the collegians in those days were of a far different physique to the present time.

The first match against Newport, at Newport, is worth mentioning, as Cardiff were returned losers, although they scored three tries to a drop goal. A. J. Gould having the distinction of winning the match. A similar result to this obtained in the match against Moseley, at Moseley, when a drop goal beat our three tries, this being dropped by Smith in the last few minutes of the game.



In most of the matches played this season, three three-quarters only were played, and Jarman and Stadden became associated for the first time at half-back, in the match against Llanelly on the 24th January.

Early in this season the second XV. gave evidence of its usefulness as a nursery for the first team, and passed through the season without a single defeat, 17 matches being won, and 1 drawn, and scoring 30 goals and 42 tries to 5 tries, the captain being Mr. Cholton James, now one of the leading architects of the district.

This was the Second XV. that defeated the First team on the memorable occasion, April 1st, 1885, when the Seconds won by 1 dropped goal and 1 try to nil.

I give you the names of the teams in this match :—

#### TEAMS.

*First fifteen :* H. Hughes, F. E. Hancock, W. H. Morgan, A. J. Stewart, W. Stadden, C. S. D. Spencer, H. J. Simpson, J. Hinton, G. A. Young, D. H. Lewis, J. S. G. Fergusson, A. F. Hill, W. Harris, and A. N. Other.

*Second fifteen :* J. B. Coe, O. J. Evans, W. M. Douglas, D. E. Jones, F. Wilson, W. E. Jarman, R. T. Duncan, A. J. Hybart, A. Emery, A. F. Bland, G. Wensley, A. J. Halsey, S. D. Evans, W. R. Rees, and J. A. Sant.

It is only fair to state that several of those who played for the Seconds that day, had previously got their places in the First XV. This was the last season for W. D. Phillips, who had played eight seasons for the Club, having been vice-captain no less than five times and captain three ; also W. H. Treatt, but fortunately for the welfare of the Club he continued to act as Hon. Sec., being vice-captain in 1882. He brought with him to the Cardiff Club, the pick of the old Roath club, and to his exertions much of the credit was due for the all round standing of the Club.

J. A. Jones also retired after a long and serviceable connection with the Club, both as a player and as an official. He can justly be regarded as one of the pillars of the Club in its early days, and was always ready and willing to play in all matches, whether at home or away, and in whatever position on the field he was called upon to fill.

Before the season was half way through, several of the second XV. were drafted into the first XV., notably W. M. Douglas, W. E. Jarman, A. F. Bland, R. T. Duncan, A. J. Hybart, O. J. Evans.

The scoring ability of the team showed great improvement on the previous season. A. J. Stewart was top scorer for the Club, having 17 tries to his credit.



Football was "catching on" with the public, and £364 2s. 3d. was taken at the gates, and £71 taken in Members subscriptions, £37 19s. 8d. being the surplus in hand. The expenses at out matches were £46 19s. 11d., and railway fares £98 5s. 11d., it having become customary to pay railway fare and hotel expenses of the players.

With regard to members' subscriptions, this was now fixed at 10s., whether the member was a player or not. For the first year, the subscription was 2s. 6d., and in the next year it was raised to 5s., and then in 1881-82 it was raised to 10s.

Three Cardiff men, F. E. Hancock, L. C. Thomas, and J. S. Smith played for Wales against England, and three against Scotland, F. E. Hancock, L. C. Thomas, and A. F. Hill. There was no match against Ireland this year.





## *List of Officers.*

Season 1884-1885.



### *Committee :*

J. A. JONES,                      A. DUNCAN,  
W. B. NORTON,                  F. E. HANCOCK,  
   CHOLTON JAMES.

*Captain :* H. J. SIMPSON.

*Vice-Captain :* W. D. PHILLIPS.

*Hon. Secretary :* W. H. TREATT.



## *Names and Positions of those who played during the Season.*



*Full-backs :* J. Edmunds, G. A. Williams, W. Williams, H. Hughes, O. J. Evans.

*Three-quarter backs :* A. Stewart, T. Williams, O. J. Evans, J. A. Jones, F. E. Hancock,  
W. B. Norton, W. H. Morgan, W. M. Douglas, G. A. Young, — Glass,  
F. M. Arthur.

*Half-backs :* W. Stadden, W. H. Morgan, W. D. Phillips, W. E. Jarman, C. S. Spencer,  
C. S. Arthur.

*Forwards :* H. J. Simpson, W. D. Phillips, J. S. Smith, A. F. Hill, G. A. Young,  
D. H. Lewis, L. C. Thomas, A. Emery, J. Hinton, W. H. Treatt, J. Clare,  
E. L. Hancock, W. Morris, A. F. Bland, R. T. Duncan, A. T. Halsey, J. S. G.  
Fergusson, W. Harris, Q. D. Kedzlie, J. Morris, J. B. Coe, W. Wensley,  
A. Hybart, D. J. Lewis, P. F. Hancock, W. Herbert, S. D. Evans.



## Record, Season 1884-1885.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR		AGAINST	
				Goals	Tries	Goals	Tries
1884.							
Oct. 1	Wakefield Trinity .. .. .	lost	H	—	1	1	1
" 4	Clifton .. .. .	won	A	1	4	—	1
" 18	Cardiff Rangers .. .. .	won	H	1	1	—	—
" 25	Cheltenham College .. .. .	lost	A	—	1	4	3
Nov. 1	Pontypridd .. .. .	won	H	2	4	—	—
" 8	Swansea .. .. .	won	A	1	—	—	—
" 15	Neath .. .. .	won	H	4	4	—	—
" 22	Newport .. .. .	lost	A	—	3	†1	—
" 29	Swansea .. .. .	won	H	2	1	—	2
Dec. 6	London Harlequins .. .. .	won	H	†1	7	—	—
" 13	Gloucester .. .. .	won	A	—	2	—	—
" 20	Llanelly .. .. .	won	H	—	4	—	—
1885.							
Jan. 9	Queen's College, Cork .. .. .	drawn	H	—	1	—	1
" 24	Llanelly .. .. .	lost	A	—	—	—	1
" 31	Newport .. .. .	won	H	—	2	—	—
Feb. 7	Weston .. .. .	drawn	A	—	1	—	1
" 21	Moseley .. .. .	lost	A	—	3	†1	—
" 28	Gloucester .. .. .	won	H	4	—	—	—
Mar. 7	Neath .. .. .	lost	A	—	3	‡2	—
" 14	Clifton .. .. .	won	H	3	2	—	—
" 21	London Harlequins .. .. .	lost	A	—	1	—	4
" 28	Swansea .. .. .	won	H	†5	2	—	—
April 4	Moseley .. .. .	won	H	—	4	—	—
" 6	German Gymnastic Society .. .. .	won	H	†3	2	—	—
				27	53	9	14

Matches played, 24; Won, 15; Lost 7; Drawn, 2.

† One dropped.      ‡ Disputed.

*Try getters* : A. J. Stuart, 17; F. E. Hancock, 13; G. Young, 6; A. F. Hill, 6; L. C. Thomas, 5; W. B. Norton, 5; W. H. Treatt, 4; D. H. Lewis, 3; W. M. Douglas, 3; W. Stadden, 3; W. E. Jarman, 2; H. J. Simpson, 2; W. H. Morgan, 2; Tom Williams, 1; F. Laybourne, 1; J. A. Jones, 1; J. Clare, 1; Q. D. Kedzlie, 1; W. D. Phillips, 1.

*Drop Goals* : W. Stadden, 1; G. Young, 1; D. H. Lewis, 1



# CARDIFF 2nd XV.

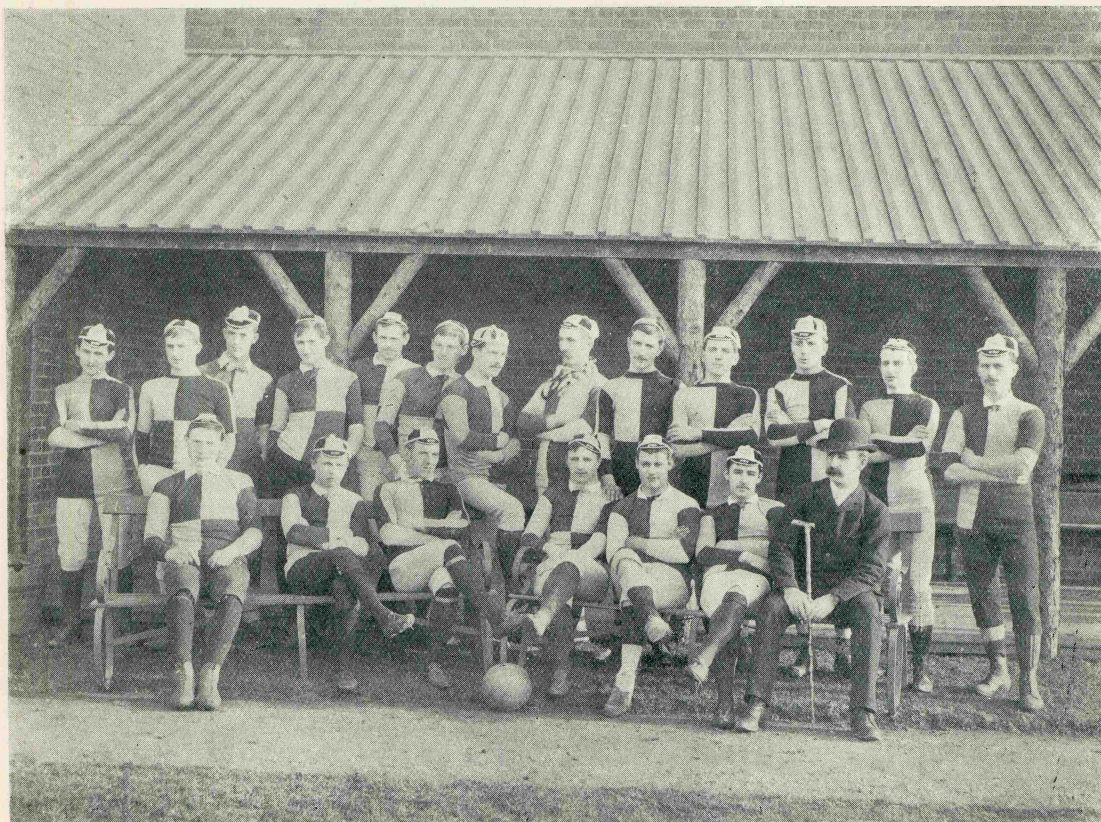
## *Record, Season 1884-1885.*

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR		AGAINST	
				Goals	Tries	Goals	Tries
1884							
Oct. 11	Redland Park .. .. .	won	—	2	2	—	—
„ 18	Treherbert .. .. .	won	—	5	8	—	—
„ 22	Chepstow .. .. .	won	—	4	3	—	—
Nov. 1	Bristol University .. .. .	won	—	1	4	—	—
„ 8	Swansea .. .. .	won	—	2	—	—	—
„ 15	Neath .. .. .	won	—	1	4	—	—
„ 22	Newport .. .. .	won	—	1	2	—	—
„ 29	Maindy .. .. .	won	—	—	1	—	—
Dec. 6	Swansea .. .. .	won	—	1	2	—	1
„ 13	Harlequins .. .. .	won	—	3	1	—	—
„ 27	Harlequins .. .. .	won	—	2	2	—	1
1885.							
Jan. 10	Chepstow .. .. .	won	—	1	2	—	—
„ 24	Newport .. .. .	won	—	1	1	—	2
Feb. 7	Bryn-y-mor .. .. .	drawn	..	—	—	—	—
„ 14	Pontypridd .. .. .	won	..	1	4	—	—
March 7	Neath .. .. .	won	—	2	4	—	—
„ 21	Rangers .. .. .	won	—	1	—	—	1
„ 28	Treherbert .. .. .	won	—	2	2	—	—
				30	42	—	5

Matches Played, 18; Won, 17; Lost, 0; Drawn, 1.



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### CARDIFF 2nd XV.:

*Top row*—LIONEL TAYLOR, H. JAMES, E. EMERY, J. A. SANT, S. D. EVANS, R. T. DUNCAN, W. R. REES,  
A. J. HALSEY, G. WENSLEY, A. F. BLAND, A. J. HYBART, F. I. JAMES, Q. D. KEDZLIE

*Bottom row*—J. B. COE, W. E. JARMAN, W. M. DOUGLAS, CHOLTON JAMES (*capt.*), O. J. EVANS, D. E. JONES  
J. D. EVANS (*umpire*).