

1886=1887.



W. M. DOUGLAS, who played right wing last season, filled the office of captain, and the number of committeemen was increased from three to seven. The season had to be faced without the valuable services of F. E. Hancock, A. J. Stuart, and W. Stadden ; the two former giving up football altogether, and the latter going North, being the first Welshman of note to join the ranks of the Northern clubs. Vacancies at three-quarter were filled in the early part of the season by W. H. Morgan, A. H. Williams, and F. S. H. Adams, who was a Cambridge University man, reading with the late Dean Vaughan. Stadden's place was filled by O. J. Evans, and a most efficient substitute he proved to be. Norman Biggs also came out towards the end of the season, playing his first match against Penarth on March 9th, and scoring a try.

Dan E. Jones could no doubt have secured a place in the first XV., but he preferred to remain the leader of the second XV., which it will be remembered had already passed through the two previous seasons undefeated.

The A. H. Williams mentioned above turned out to be about the best tackler this or any other club ever had.

A glance at the fixture list will show that several North country teams were encountered, the most noted being Swinton, which team contained several men who loomed exceedingly large in the English football world, amongst others the late Jimmy Valentine, J. Marsh, J. H. Murray, and W. Bumby. The match at Cardiff was played on Boxing Day, and drew a very big crowd. A. H. Williams' tackling of the Swinton celebrities was remarkably fine and effective.

Considering the number of leading teams met, the season can be considered a successful one, and the scoring heavy for our Club.

Early in the season the need of a training room was felt, and the Committee hired a room in the Cattle Market Hotel, in Quay street, where the players two nights a week donned the mittens and indulged in other exercises, and Geo. Lewis was employed at 6/- a week to rub them down. The Committee also went to the expense

of erecting a new temporary stand to accommodate the ever increasing number of spectators.

England, Scotland, and Ireland were met by Wales this year.

The match against England was played at Llanelly, and ended in a pointless draw, the Cardiff players taking part in that match were W. M. Douglas, O. J. Evans, A. J. Hybart, and A. F. Bland. The players capped against Scotland were H. Hughes, W. M. Douglas, O. J. Evans, A. F. Bland, and W. E. O. Williams, and against Ireland W. Stadden, W. E. O. Williams, and A. F. Bland, this latter match being played at Birkenhead as the Irish coffers were not full enough to permit the Irish team to travel so far as South Wales.

The turn-over this season amounted to £800, the gate receipts being £545 5s. 9d. and members subscriptions £205. The deficiency on the season's working shewing £51 8s. 4d.



List of Officers.

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Committee :

A. DUNCAN, A. F. HILL,
W. D. PHILLIPS, F. E. HANCOCK,
W. B. NORTON, H. J. SIMPSON,
 G. A. YOUNG.

Captain : W. M. DOUGLAS.

Vice-Captain : A. J. HYBART.

Captain Second XV. :

D. E. JONES.

Hon. Secretary : W. H. TREATT.



W. M. DOUGLAS.

Names and Positions of those who played during the Season.



Full-backs : G. May, H. Hughes, R. A. Price, Herbert W. Jones, G. A. Young,
C. Evans.

Three-quarter-backs : W. M. Douglas, D. E. Jones, F. S. H. Adams, G. A. Young,
W. H. Morgan, A. H. Williams, C. S. Arthur, — Porter, G. A. Rowles,
N. Biggs, G. C. Jones, R. L. Garrett.

Half-backs : W. E. Jarman, O. J. Evans, E. Yorath, Andrew Price, W. Evans, F.
M. Arthur.

Forwards : A. J. Hybart, Q. D. Kedzlie, J. Mahoney, A. F. Bland, J. A. Sant, A.
Emery, R. T. Duncan, Herbert W. Jones, P. F. Hancock, W. Clarke, H. T.
Day, G. Wensley, R. W. Powell, W. E. O. Williams, W. Ropner, J. J. E.
Biggs T. Williams, — Ainslie, S. H. Nicholls, S. Cravos, W. Morris, H. J.
Simpson, E. P. Biggs, E. Hybart.

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H. JONES. H. DAY. A. DUNCAN. H. J. SIMPSON. G. A. YOUNG. A. J. HYBART. R. T. DUNCAN. S. H. NICHOLLS.
(umpire)
A. H. WILLIAMS. C. S. ARTHUR. O. J. EVANS. W. M. DOUGLAS. H. HUGHES. Q. D. KEDZLIE. W. E. O. WILLIAMS.
(capt.)
G. ROWLES. J. MAHONEY. W. E. JARMAN. ANDREW PRICE.

Record, Season 1886-1887.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR		AGAINST	
				Goals	Trics	Goals	Trics
1886.							
Oct. 9	Cardiff Harlequins	won	H	5	2	-	-
" 16	Clifton	won	A	†3	5	-	-
" 23	Lampeter College	won	H	10	2	-	-
" 30	Moseley	won	A	-	1	-	-
Nov. 1	Liverpool	won	A	-	2	-	-
" 3	Runcorn	lost	A	-	-	-	1
" 13	Newport	drawn	H	-	-	-	-
" 20	Neath	won	H	5	5	-	-
" 27	Gloucester	drawn	A	-	1	-	1
Dec. 4	Swansea	lost	A	-	1	2	1
" 11	Llanelly	won	H	-	1	-	-
" 18	Carmarthen	won	H	-	2	-	-
" 27	Swinton.. .. .	drawn	H	-	-	-	-
" 29	London Welsh	won	H	1	1	-	-
1887.							
Jan. 15	Cardiff Harlequins	won	H	2	7	-	-
" 22	Newport	lost	A	-	-	-	1
" 29	Llanelly	lost	A	-	1	2	1
Feb. 5	Brighouse Rangers	won	H	3	-	-	-
" 12	Cirencester College	won	A	2	3	-	-
" 19	Gloucester	won	H	1	-	-	-
" 26	Cirencester College	won	H	7	2	-	-
Mar. 5	Neath	won	A	3	3	1	-
" 9	Penarth.. .. .	won	H	3	2	-	-
" 12	Llanelly	won	H	2	1	1	-
" 19	Swinton	lost	A	-	-	1	2
" 26	Penarth.. .. .	won	H	5	5	-	-
April 2	Clifton	won	H	4	6	-	1
" 9	Wigan	won	H	3	1	-	2
" 11	Nottingham	won	H	6	-	-	-
" 16	Cardiff Harlequins	won	A	2	2	-	-
				67	56	7	10

† One dropped. || Two dropped.

Matches played, 30; Won, 22; Drawn, 3. Lost, 5;

Try getters : W. M. Douglas, 23; G. Young, 17; C. S. Arthur, 15; W. Jarman, 13; A. H. Williams, 6; H. Jones, 6; G. Rowles, 4; O. J. Evans, 4; W. H. Morgan, 3; J. J. E. Biggs, 3; H. Day, 3; Q. D. Kedzlie, 2; A. Price, 2; R. T. Duncan, 2; J. Mahoney, 2; W. B. Norton, 2; H. J. Simpson, 2; F. E. Hancock, 2; H. F. Adams, 1; J. A. Sant, 1; A. F. Bland, 1; — Porter, 1; W. D. Evans, 1; G. Wensley, 1; N. Biggs, 1; W. E. O. Williams, 1; S. H. Nicholls, 1.

Drop Goals: H. F. S. Adams, 2; H. Hughes, 1.