

1887=1888.



GEO. YOUNG succeeded W. M. Douglas in the captaincy, and had most of last year's players available, also the services of some of the best of the Cardiff Harlequins Club, notably S. H. Nicholls, W. E. O. Williams and W. H. Keepings. G. Rosser Evans, a red-haired boy from Swansea, also came to Cardiff and got his place in our team, W. M. Douglas not turning out and A. H. Williams having a very bad smash-up against Huddersfield on the 15th October. This match was an intensely exciting one, Huddersfield being a particularly strong team, containing, amongst their number, A. L. Brooke, who was known as the "pocket Hercules," and was about the best three-quarter playing football at this period. From the kick-off, A. H. Williams received the ball and was charged over at the same moment, breaking his ankle and having to be carried off, and the game had not been more than fifteen minutes old when J. J. E. Biggs had to leave the field with an injured shoulder, Cardiff thus having to play three-quarters of the game with only thirteen men ; but these thirteen acquitted themselves nobly and succeeded in winning by two tries to one. At half-time the score was a try each. This was as creditable a win as Cardiff has ever had. The team continued to be successful till February 11th, 1888, when they lost their first match, Newport beating them at Cardiff by a goal to a try ; the only other defeat sustained was at Gloucester.

A perusal of the fixture list will show that four matches were played against Newport, this being the first of the long series of seasons of four matches with this Club. Cardiff were unlucky in losing to Newport, Rosser Evans crossing the Newport line on two occasions, but no try was allowed by the referee, who, after the match, came in for a hostile demonstration.

Considering the class of the clubs met, this must be considered a highly successful season. The scoring power of the team was fairly good, and their defence was excellent ; Gloucester being the only team to cross our line more than once in the same match.

This year was memorable from the fact that Wales beat Scotland for the first time ; the match taking place at Newport ; that great three-quarter, Price Jenkins, scoring the one try gained in the match.

The Cardiff men in the team that day were W. Stadden, O. J. Evans, A. F. Hill, Q. D. Kedzlie and A. F. Bland. Ireland were met at Dublin, but the dispute with England was on, and consequently there was no match against them. The players from Cardiff in the Irish match were C. S. Arthur, O. J. Evans, A. F. Hill, Q. D. Kedzlie and A. F. Bland.

The Second XV. played twenty matches, winning eighteen, drawing one, and losing one, scoring 41 goals 43 tries to 1 drop goal and 1 try. A wonderful performance.

The financial statement showed that the turnover was £1039 19s. 7d; the membership bringing in £239 10s., and the gate receipts £749 16s. 1d., there being no abnormal expenditure, a balance of £272 0s. 1d. was carried forward to the next account.

This was the year for the post of Hon. Treasurer to be re-created, and Mr. J. P. Jones filled the position.

The Club funds were, for the first time, used to pay for medical attendance on players; £7 7s. being charged.

The insurance, accidental and fire, amounted to £15 0s. 1d., as against the present day premiums of £125. This was the first time for insurance premiums against accident to be paid by the Club.



List of Officers.



Season 1887-1888.



Committee :

A. DUNCAN, A. J. HYBART,
F. E. HANCOCK, W. D. PHILLIPS,
W. M. DOUGLAS, H. J. SIMPSON,
C. S. ARTHUR.

Captain : G. A. YOUNG.

Vice-Captain : A. F. HILL.

Captain Second XV. :

D. E. JONES.

Hon. Treasurer : J. P. JONES,

Hon. Secretary : W. H. TREATT.



G. A. YOUNG.

Names and Positions of those who played during the Season.



Full-backs : H. Hughes, Andrew Price.

Three-quarter-backs : G. A. Young, A. H. Williams, G. Rowles, W. M. Douglas,
Fred N. Jones, W. H. Keepings, G. Rosser Evans, J. J. E. Biggs, L. Hughes,
N. Biggs.

Half-backs : O. J. Evans, W. E. Jarman, Andrew Price, H. M. Ingledew.

Forwards : J. Mahoney, Q. D. Kedzlie, A. F. Bland, W. E. O. Williams, S. H. Nicholls,
A. F. Hill, J. J. E. Biggs, H. T. Day, A. J. Hybart, G. A. Young, W. T.
Morgan, — McCarthy, W. H. Howells, W. Ropner, S. Cravos, G. Common,
J. V. Arman, D. W. Evans.

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First Row—A. DUNCAN (*umpire*), W. E. O. WILLIAMS, A. J. HYBART, A. F. HILL, W. T. MORGAN, H. T. DAY,
S. H. NICHOLLS, A. F. BLAND, W. H. TREATT (*Hon. Sec.*)

Second Row—NORMAN BIGGS, G. ROSSER EVANS, Q. D. KEDZLIE, C. S. ARTHUR, G. A. YOUNG (*capt.*), O. J. EVANS,
HUGH HUGHES, W. E. JARMAN.

Record, Season 1887-1888.

DATE	OPPONENTS						RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR		AGAINST	
									Goals	Trics	Goals	Trics
1887.												
Oct 1	Neath ..	..	..	..	..	..	won	A [†]	6	-	-	-
„ 8	Newport	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	3	-	1	-
„ 15	Huddersfield	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	-	2	-	1
„ 22	Cirencester	..	..	..	..	..	won	A	8	2	-	1
„ 29	Gloucester	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	1	2	-	-
Nov. 5	Burton ..	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	5	1	-	-
„ 12	Newport	..	..	..	..	..	drawn	A	-	1	-	1
„ 19	Swansea	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	-	1	-	-
„ 26	Llanelly	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	†1	2	-	-
Dec. 3	Old Edwardians	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	4	4	1	-
„ 10	Llanelly	..	..	..	..	..	drawn	A	-	-	-	-
„ 17	Neath ..	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	5	3	-	-
„ 24	Clifton ..	..	..	..	..	..	Not played					
„ 26	Liverpool	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	3	2	-	-
1888.												
Jan. 14	Swansea	..	..	..	..	..	won	A	-	1	-	-
„ 21	Newport	..	..	..	..	..	drawn	A	-	1	-	1
„ 28	Llanelly..	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	-	4	-	-
Feb. 11	Newport	..	..	..	..	..	lost	H	-	1	1	-
„ 18	Penarth..	..	..	..	..	..	won	A	2	2	-	-
„ 25	Burton ..	..	..	..	..	..	won	A	1	1	-	-
Mar. 3	Cardiff Harlequins	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	†2	-	1	-
„ 10	Gloucester	..	..	..	..	..	lost	A	†1	-	1	1
„ 24	Swindon	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	4	8	-	-
„ 31	Salford ..	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	1	1	†1	-
April 2	Mossley	..	..	..	..	..	drawn	H	-	-	-	-
„ 7	Harlequins	..	..	..	..	..	won	H	1	2	-	1
									48	41	6	6

† One dropped.

Matches played, 25; Won, 19; Drawn 4; Lost, 2

Try getters : C. S. Arthur, 19; G. Young, 12; W. Jarman, 11; S. H. Nicholls, 6; N. Biggs, 6; R. Evans, 5; W. Keepings, 4; O. J. Evans, 4; A. J. Hybart, 4; A. F. Hill, 3; A. F. Bland, 2; Q. D. Kedzlie, 2; J. Mahoney, 2; G. Rowles, 2; W. H. Howells, 1; F. Hughes, 1; J. Arman, 1; W. E. O. Williams, 1.

Drop Goals : W. Keepings, 2; O. J. Evans, 1.