

## 1893=1894.



**N**ORMAN Biggs succeeded T. W. Pearson as captain, R. B. Sweet-Escott being the vice-captain, and they had practically the whole of last season's players available. The fixture list was a particularly heavy one and included games with Cambridge University and Devonport Albion and Bradford, this being the first time for each of these teams to be met. For several years Cardiff had endeavoured to fix a match with Bradford, who were probably the best team in the North of England, and who, this year, had obtained the services of F. W. Cooper, late of Newport. The match was played on a Monday, and ended, much to our surprise and chagrin, in our being beaten by 2 goals and 1 try to 1 goal and 1 try. F. W. Cooper scored a good try, running in from his own "twenty-five" being chased for a good part of the distance by T. W. Pearson and S. Sweet-Escott, but as he had a good start, having taken a pass that was intended for D. Fitzgerald, they failed to overtake him. Wattie Davies, who subsequently went North to join the Batley Club, played full-back in that game for Cardiff, and the rest of the Cardiff backs were N. Biggs, D. Fitzgerald, J. E. Elliot, T. W. Pearson, R. B. Sweet-Escott, and Selwyn Biggs.

The match against Cambridge was won very easily by Cardiff; for some reason or other the 'Varsity put up a very poor fight, although they had two Scottish Internationals, W. Neilson and J. J. Gowans in their three-quarter line.

The Devonport Albion match calls for little comment. It was a poor game, both teams, no doubt, feeling the effects of the heavy Christmas matches.

A match that created immense interest, and drew a crowd of at least 15,000 spectators, was the Boxing-Day match against the Barbarians; the Barbarians having a particularly strong team out, including as it did F. R. Anderson, S. M. J. Woods, P. R. Clauss, C. M. Wells, R. H. Cattell, P. F. Hancock, P. Maud, F. Soane, J. H. Rogers, F. C. Lohden, and W. Cope, all internationals.

Our back division was composed of D. W. Evans, N. Biggs, D. Fitzgerald, J. E. Elliot, T. W. Pearson, R. B. Sweet-Escott, Selwyn Biggs; and A. F. Hill, was one of the forwards, he having turned out again this season. As may be imagined from the quality of the players engaged on both sides, the match was a tip-top one to witness.

Norman Biggs opened the scoring with a good try, which he followed with another after a good run by Elliot. Pearson was the next to score; the score at half-time being a goal and 2 tries to nil. Early in the second half, the burly P. F. Hancock scored a try; Cardiff replied to this by a try by Pearson.

The Newport matches were full of interest at this period, and the class of football shown reached the highest standard, and drew the greatest crowds that have been drawn by Cardiff *v.* Newport matches. Honours were easy with Swansea, who were only met twice.

The scoring power of the team was very high, the 8 goals and 6 tries against Exeter being the highest of the season.

A coincidence to be noted is the fact that Norman Biggs and T. W. Pearson scored an equal number of tries this season.

On New Year's Day of 1894, E. G. Nicholls played his first game in the Cardiff First XV., taking the place of D. Fitzgerald who was unable to play. J. E. Merrett also played in this match. Gwyn Nicholls played full-back in the Newport, Moseley, and Coventry matches, on the 13th, 27th and 29th of January.

The Second XV. played twenty-nine matches, winning sixteen, losing nine, and drawing three; and scoring 20 goals 41 tries against 13 goals and 17 tries. Gwyn Nicholls scoring nine of the tries and dropping two goals. Owing to the increased popularity of football and the large number of members, two wings were added to the grand stand, costing £436 17s., providing seating accommodation for about 1,200 persons. The temporary stands were also enlarged, a sum of £106 being spent on same. The gate receipts came to the large sum of £2,478 2s. 4d., and workmen's tickets brought in £318.

Local charities benefited to the extent of £271 16s., and donations were made to local clubs to the amount of £28 8s. The Club at the end of this season had £1,500 on deposit.

A. F. Hill and Norman Biggs played against England at Birkenhead. D. Fitzgerald, T. W. Pearson and A. F. Hill played against Scotland, at Newport, and N. Biggs, D. Fitzgerald, J. E. Elliot, T. W. Pearson, R. B. Sweet-Escott and A. F. Hill played against Ireland at Belfast.



## *List of Officers.*

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Season 1893-1894.  
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### *Committee :*

A. F. BLAND, W. E. JARMAN,  
W. M. DOUGLAS, S. H. NICHOLLS,  
A. F. HILL, W. D. PHILLIPS,  
W. M. SHEPHERD, W. H. TREATT.

### *Committee Second XV. :*

F. S. GROGAN, E. A. HYBART,  
E. G. NICHOLLS, R. SLEEP.

*Captain :* N. BIGGS.

*Vice-Captain :* R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT.

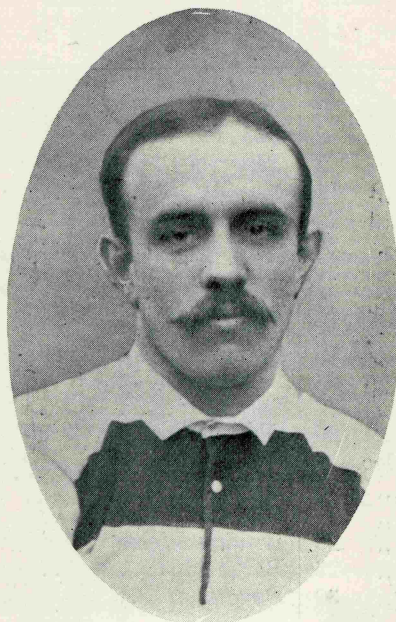
### *Captain Second XV. :*

E. J. ROONEY.

*Vice-Captain :* J. MURRAY.

*Hon. Treasurer :* A. F. HILL.

*Secretary :* C. S. ARTHUR.



N. BIGGS.

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



*Full-backs :* J. B. Smithson, D. W. Evans, T. W. Pearson, W. J. Evans, E. G. Nicholls,  
Wat. Davies, E. P. Biggs.

*Three-quarter-backs :* T. W. Pearson, J. E. Elliot, D. Fitzgerald, N. Biggs, E. P.  
Biggs, W. J. Evans, D. W. Evans, E. G. Nicholls, D. R. Thomas,  
J. B. Smithson.

*Half-backs :* R. B. Sweet-Escott, S. Biggs, J. E. Francis, S. Sweet-Escott, P. Ryan,  
G. McCarthy.

*Forwards :* W. Cope, Gus Lewis, R. Davies, R. Guinea, G. Dobson, E. P. Biggs,  
W. Davies, W. J. Elsey, W. Wynde, A. F. Bland, J. Smith, S. Cravos, T.  
Dobson, W. H. Smith, A. F. Hill, J. Murray, J. Taylor, H. Palmer,  
G. Woodman, S. Ramsey, T. Hemsworth.



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W. M. SHEPHERD.    J. E. ELLIOT.    D. FITZGERALD.    A. F. HILL.    A. LEWIS.    W. COPE.    S. BIGGS.  
*(umpire.)*  
 S. CRAVOS.    W. J. ELSEY.    NORMAN BIGGS (*capt.*)    W. DAVIES.    R. DAVIES.  
 J. B. SMITHSON.    W. H. SMITH.    R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT.    T. W. PEARSON.



# Record, Season 1893-1894.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR			AGAINST		
				Goals	Tries	Points	Goals	Tries	Points
1893.									
Sept. 30	Cardiff District .. .. .	won	H	5	2	31	-	-	-
Oct. 2	Neath .. .. .	won	A	1	-	5	-	-	-
" 7	Penarth .. .. .	won	A	*3	-	13	-	1	3
" 14	Moseley .. .. .	won	H	†1	3	13	1	-	5
" 21	Newport .. .. .	lost	A	-	1	3	1	2	11
" 28	Morrison .. .. .	won	H	2	1	13	-	-	-
" 30	United Hospitals .. .. .	won	H	1	-	5	-	-	-
Nov. 4	Swansea .. .. .	lost	A	-	2	6	§1	1	7
" 11	Newport .. .. .	won	H	1	1	8	-	1	3
" 15	Cambridge University .. .. .	won	A	2	1	13	*1	-	3
" 18	Llanelly .. .. .	lost	A	1	-	5	-	2	6
" 22	Leeds.. .. .	won	H	1	1	8	-	2	6
" 25	Gloucester .. .. .	won	H	6	1	33	-	1	3
Dec. 9	Blackheath .. .. .	lost	A	2	-	10	1	3	14
" 16	Bristol .. .. .	won	H	*6	1	31	1	-	5
" 20	Oxford .. .. .	won	H	1	4	17	*1	-	3
" 23	London Welsh .. .. .	won	H	6	9	57	-	-	-
" 26	Barbarians .. .. .	won	H	1	3	14	-	1	3
" 30	Devonport .. .. .	won	H	-	1	3	-	-	-
1894.									
Jan. 1	Old Merchant Taylors .. .. .	won	H	-	2	6	-	-	-
" 13	Newport .. .. .	lost	A	-	-	-	-	3	9
" 20	Penarth .. .. .	drawn	H	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 27	Moseley .. .. .	won	A	*2	2	14	*1	-	3
" 29	Coventry .. .. .	won	A	1	1	8	-	-	-
Feb. 5	Penygraig .. .. .	won	H	7	3	44	-	-	-
" 10	Llanelly .. .. .	won	H	*1	-	3	-	-	-
" 17	Bristol .. .. .	won	A	-	1	3	-	-	-
" 24	Swansea .. .. .	won	H	1	2	11	-	-	-
" 26	Bradford .. .. .	lost	H	1	1	8	2	1	13
Mar. 3	Newport .. .. .	won	H	2	-	10	-	-	-
" 17	Aberavon .. .. .	won	H	1	4	17	-	-	-
" 24	Wigan .. .. .	won	H	1	2	11	-	1	3
" 26	Blackheath .. .. .	won	H	2	-	10	-	1	3
" 31	Neath .. .. .	won	H	1	2	11	-	-	-
April 7	Exeter .. .. .	won	H	8	6	58	-	-	-
				68	57	500	10	20	103

† One dropped.      \* One penalty.      § Mark Goal.

Matches played, 35; Won, 28; Drawn, 1; Lost, 6;

*Try getters* : N. Biggs, 25; T. W. Pearson, 25; D. Fitzgerald, 14; J. E. Elliot, 10; R. B. Sweet-Escott, 8; S. Biggs, 6; Gus. Lewis, 6; W. J. Elsey, 2; R. Davis, 2; S. Cravos, 2; J. B. Smithson, 2; J. Smith, 1; W. J. Evans, 3; A. F. Hill, 1; D. W. Evans, 1; T. Dobson, 1; S. Ramsey, 1; R. Thomas, 1; W. Cope, 1; W. Davies, 1; and seven others (scored by several players falling on the ball together).

*Penalty Goals* : N. Biggs, 2; T. W. Pearson, 2.

*Drop Goal* : D. Fitzgerald.