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G. GWYN NICHOLLS was re-elected captain, although at the time of our Annual Meeting he was out in Australia playing for Mullineaux's team, and did not play for the Club till January 20th, against Bristol. On his return from Australia he was welcomed home to Cardiff at a smoking concert held at the Grand Hotel. Huzzey, during Nicholls' absence, captained the team, and all last season's forwards turned out again, but Selwyn Biggs did not turn out, Griff. Hughes filling his place. Ivor P. Jones took Nicholls' place, and H. B. Winfield was installed full-back.

The team was a good scoring one, but their defence was not particularly strong, as the score of 19 goals and 20 tries against will show. The heaviest defeat being inflicted by the Barbarians, who scored 3 goals 4 tries to 4 tries, on April 14th, and thus reversing the result of the Boxing-Day meeting with the same club. Swansea had the better of us in the two games played, in neither of which did we score, but of the four games against Newport, two were won and two were lost.

In the first Newport match, Cardiff were poorly represented in the three-quarter line, while in the Newport third line Cliff Pritchard found a place, Lloyd and Phillips were their halves, and they had a good pack of forwards, but it was a poor game with Newport leading by a try to nothing at half time, and the match was almost over before any further scoring took place, but then L. A. Phillips got over and his try was converted. Cardiff bucked up immediately after this and "Pussy" Jones dropped a splendid goal, and on the call of time L. A. Phillips dropped an equally good goal for Newport, these two drops being the only redeeming features.

In the second encounter by way of a change we beat Newport by the much abused dropped goal, Cecil Sweet-Escott being the kicker, and the only other item of interest in connection with this match was that one of Her Majesty's High Court Judges, Mr. Justice Bucknill, was an interested spectator.

The first Swansea match was looked forward to with great interest, as Cardiff were thought to have a good chance of beating Swansea, but it was not to be. The score sheet was a blank at half time and neither side could claim much advantage in the run

of the play, and the second half was well advanced before Swansea started scoring, Danny Rees going over with a smart try, then George Davies dropped a goal. He followed this up by scoring a try, and before the call of time he dropped another goal. George Davies, Danny Rees, W. Trew, and F. Gordon were the Swansea three-quarters, and R. Owen and R. Jones were the halves. With Swansea going so strong, it is small wonder that we lost the return match at Swansea, although our three-quarter line was strengthened by the inclusion of Gwyn Nicholls and P. F. Bush. As usual there was a strong wind blowing, and also as usual Swansea won the toss, and played with the wind at their backs, but they only scored a goal up to half time, Dicky Owen being the scorer from a scrum on the line. On the change of ends, Cardiff with the wind were expected to at least make a draw, and for a time they flattered their supporters, but Gordon intercepting a pass in his own 25, ran almost up to the Cardiff line and then passed to George Davies, who scored. After this Swansea showed marked superiority, and added further points.

The high class football displayed in the Cardiff *v.* Newport matches was not much in evidence this season. Cambridge University also had the satisfaction of defeating us, the 'Varsity having an exceptionally fine team this season, and preserving their unbeaten record. We were without five of our regular players that day, and filled their places by three second team men and two outsiders, in the persons of W. Llewellyn and L. Deere. Up to half time honours were easy with a try each, but in the second half we were fairly overrun, and had it not been for the wonderful defence of Neville Thomas, we should have been very badly beaten indeed. This Neville Thomas, it is worthy of mention, is the son of Fleming S. Thomas, one of the founders of the Club, and they have the distinction of being the only players of the relationship of father and son who have so far played for Cardiff.

In the first Newport match of this season, Percy Bush played three-quarter, playing wing to Ivor Jones, and this couple, although on the small side and very young, gave several excellent displays in combination, notably against Blackheath, at Blackheath, when they had to face, amongst others, in the opposing three-quarter line, R. T. Skrimshire, who was then playing a very hot game for Blackheath. With regard to the scoring it is to be noted that the number of dropped goals was abnormal, no less than eleven being obtained.

Another match to be noted in this season's fixtures is the one against Llanelly, on April 7th, at Cardiff, these teams not having met for six years. The match was a very finely contested one, and was played in the best of spirit; the outstanding feature of the play being several brilliant runs by R. T. Gabe, and the excellent openings made by Percy Bush.

The Reserves record for this season was thirty matches played, twenty-five being won, five lost ; and scoring 386 points against 89.

There was a slight falling off in the receipts for the season, £2,742 18s. 8d. being the total income. The money paid away was also less than last year, as a balance of £296 18s. 5d. was shown. The deposit account was increased to £1,700. £77 1s. was given to charities ; £63 11s. was voted to local football clubs ; £25 was given to the Cardiff Cricket Club, and £25 to the Glamorgan Cricket Club.

We were represented in international matches this year by :—

Against England : J. Blake.

Against Scotland : J. Blake, G. Dobson, E. G. Nicholls.

Against Ireland : E. G. Nicholls, S. Biggs, J. Blake.



List of Officers.

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President : A. DUNCAN.

Vice-Presidents :

H. J. SIMPSON, W. H. TREATT.

Captain : E. GWYN NICHOLLS. *Vice-Captain* : H. V. P. HUZZEY.

Match Committee :

A. F. BLAND, W. M. DOUGLAS,
S. H. NICHOLLS, W. D. PHILLIPS,

Ground Committee :

S. BIGGS, J. ELLIOT, W. T. MORGAN

Captain Reserves : IVOR P. JONES. *Vice-Captain* : J. WILLIAMS.

Committee :

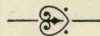
J. E. MERRETT, W. M. TUNLEY.

Hon. Treasurer : A. F. HILL.

Secretary : CHAS. S. ARTHUR.



Names and Positions of those who played during the Season.



Full-back : H. B. Winfield, N. Thomas, C. Sweet-Escott.

Three-quarter-backs : H. V. P. Huzzey, Ivor P. Jones, W. Jones, A. M. Ricketts,
"Wax" Williams, C. F. Biggs, C. Lewis, F. Lewis, P. F. Bush.

Half-backs : C. Sweet-Escott, G. Hughes, C. Kestell, S. Biggs, J. Williams.

Forwards : G. Dobson, J. Blake, F. J. Box, C. Spackman, J. McIntyre, M. Falcon,
W. Phillips, F. Hine, J. Wheeler, F. Mills, G. Common, W. Neill, H.
Hutchings, R. Grey, W. J. Hart.

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J. BLAKE. F. HINE. W. NEILL. J. WHEELER. W. PHILLIPS. H. HUTCHINS. GEO. LEWIS (*trainer*).
 IVOR P. JONES. P. F. BUSH. H. V. P. HUZZEY. E. GWYN NICHOLLS. H. B. WINFIELD. W. MCINTYRE. F. J. BOX.
 C. SWEET-ESCOTT. (*capt.*) GRIFF HUGHES.

Record, Season 1899-1900.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR			AGAINST		
				Goals	Tries	Points	Goals	Tries	Points
1899.									
Sept. 16	Cardiff District	won	H	*†6	1	30	-	-	-
" 23	Penarth	won	H	4	3	27	-	1	3
" 30	Bristol	won	A	†1	1	7	-	-	-
Oct. 7	Neath	won	H	*3	-	13	*2	1	11
" 14	Llwynypia	won	A	-	1	3	-	-	-
" 21	Newport	lost	A	†1	-	4	†2	1	12
" 28	Guy's and Thomas' Hospital ..	won	H	4	2	26	1	-	5
Nov. 4	Moseley	won	A	†2	3	18	-	-	-
" 11	Gloucester	won	A	1	-	5	-	-	-
" 18	Swansea	lost	H	-	-	-	2	2	14
" 20	Cambridge University	lost	A	-	2	6	†2	2	15
" 25	Newport	won	H	†1	-	4	-	1	3
Dec. 9	Blackheath	won	A	3	1	18	-	-	-
" 16	Oxford University	won	H	*1	3	12	-	2	6
" 23	Leicester	won	H	†3	4	26	-	-	-
" 26	Barbarians	won	H	3	4	27	*1	-	3
" 30	Old Merchant Taylors	won	H	†6	3	38	-	-	-
1900.									
Jan. 1	Old Wesley	won	H	†4	-	19	-	1	3
" 13	Blackheath	won	H	*2	3	17	-	-	-
" 20	Bristol	won	H	1	3	14	-	-	-
Feb. 3	Leicester	Abandoned (frost)							
" 10	Swansea	lost	A	-	-	-	*3	1	16
" 17	Moseley	won	H	†*4	4	29	†1	-	4
" 24	Newport	lost	A	-	-	-	-	2	6
Mar. 3	Gloucester	won	H	2	2	16	-	-	-
" 10	Penarth	won	A	3	6	33	-	-	-
" 24	Newport	won	H	-	3	9	-	-	-
" 31	Neath	drawn	A	1	-	5	1	-	5
April 7	Llanelly	won	H	-	3	9	1	-	5
" 14	Barbarians	lost	H	-	4	12	3	4	27
" 16	Llwynypia	won	H	-	3	9	-	2	6
				56	59	436	19	20	144

† One Dropped. || Two dropped. * One Penalty.

Matches played, 30; Won, 23; Drawn, 1; Lost, 6.

Try getters : H. V. P. Huzzey, 18; A. M. Ricketts, 13; Ivor Jones, 9; W. Jones, 9; C. Sweet-Escott, 8; F. F. Bush, 6; J. Wheeler, 4; George Dobson, 4; F. J. Box, 4; P. F. Bush, 4; E. G. Nicholls, 3; F. Hine, 3; Griff Hughes, 2; W. McIntyre, 2; Selwyn Biggs, 2; Cecil Biggs, 1; J. Williams, 1; H. Hutchings, 1; W. Neill, 1; J. Blake, 1; G. Common, 1; W. Phillips, 1; Ll. Deere, 1.

Dropped Goals : Ivor Jones, 4; W. Jones, 3; H. V. P. Huzzey, 1; C. Sweet-Escott, 1; E. G. Nicholls, 1; H. B. Winfield, 1.

Penalty Goals : Winfield, 5.