

## 1900=1901.



**F**OR the third year in succession, Gwyn Nicholls was appointed captain, thereby creating a record as far as the office of captain was concerned. He was desirous of not taking on the position, but allowing it to go to V. Huzzey, but the members would not hear of it, and forced the position on him, and as a consequence the services of Huzzey were lost to Cardiff, he joining the ranks of the Northern Union. J. Blake succeeded T. Dobson in the vice-captainship.

From one cause and another, Cardiff were not often able to place the same team in the field in consecutive matches, and during the season no less than nineteen men operated in the three-quarter line, and twenty-eight played forward. It is worthy of mention that H. B. Winfield played full back in every match but one, and this was a great contrast to the constant changes in other positions. The constant changing of the team was, no doubt, responsible for the poor record, no less than ten of the twenty-nine matches being lost. The scoring also was very low compared to most of the previous seasons. The best performances were those against Blackheath, when our men scored heavily in the two matches. Of the losses sustained by us, three were inflicted by English teams, a rather rare occurrence, Oxford University, Leicester and Gloucester; the two former being victorious for the first time against Cardiff. Against Oxford, Cardiff were not well represented, Nicholls being absent through injury, and C. Sweet-Escott and W. Neill being unable to make the journey. For the 'Varsity, Strand Jones played full-back, and, amongst others, Crabbie, the Scottish international, played three-quarter, and had a good deal to do with our defeat. In the match which we lost to Leicester, we had a very weak team out; Winfield, Gwyn Nicholls, J. Blake and C. Sweet-Escott all being away. Our team, however, played an excellent game and were only beaten by a dropped goal to a try. Although this was such a poor season, there was one game played on the Park which can be truthfully said to be as magnificent a game to watch as has ever been seen on the Park. I refer to the Cardiff *v.* Edinburgh University match, played on the 24th December. The Edinburgh team came down with a great reputation for fast, open and scientific play, and they fully justified their claim to be a great team. Their three-quarter line composed of W. H. Welsh, A. B. Timms, J. B. Allison and A. N. Fell, played the passing game as well as any Welsh three-quarter



line, and they made some magnificent runs, Timms, on several occasions, making some very strong bursts, getting by Gwyn Nicholls as no other player was ever able to do. Winfield had the satisfaction of bringing him down twice when he looked a certain scorer. Griff. Hughes also tackled him and the other speedy men in first-class style, and altogether showed extraordinary defence. The players on both sides gave such a magnificent display of football that the names are worthy of being recorded here :—

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.

*Back* : A. W. Duncan.

*Three-quarters* : W. H. Welsh, A. B. Timms, J. B. Allison and A. N. Fell.

*Half-backs* : J. H. Fasson and R. G. Archibald.

*Forwards* : A. B. Fleet, A. Freer, R. A. Ross, A. McNabb, L. O. Freer,  
A. M. Camhill, H. H. Balmore and A. McEwen.

CARDIFF.

*Back* : H. B. Winfield.

*Three-quarters* : W. Jones, Gwyn Nicholls, " Wax " Williams and C. F. Biggs.

*Half-backs* : C. Kestell and Griff. Hughes.

*Forwards* : F. Hine, G. Dobson, R. Grey, D. Thomas, J. Wheeler,  
W. Neill, W. Phillips and D. L. Bowen.

The try was scored by " Wax " Williams after fine passing between " Pussy " Jones, Griff. Hughes, and himself.

The Moseley match, which should have taken place at Cardiff, on October 13th, was abandoned in consequence of the death of the Marquis of Bute, and as a mark of respect for the nobleman, through whose generosity we were permitted to make use of our magnificently situated ground. Another match, the one arranged against Neath, on February 2nd, was also abandoned through a death, that of our late Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria. Of the four matches played against Newport, the first three went in favour of the latter, but we managed to secure the fourth, and with it broke the Usksiders' ground record.

This was a very fine performance by our men, as Newport had only once been beaten this season, Swansea being their victors. We had our best team out except Jere Blake, and Newport had their best team out with the exception of Hodges, Pearson making one of his very rare appearances. Our first and only try of the first half was obtained by " Pussy " Jones, who made a brilliant dash for the line after a fine opening made by " Wax " Williams.

Close on the interval Pearson looked all over a scorer, when Nicholls brought him down with a grand tackle. " Wax " Williams scored the only try of the second half by a clever run, after a good opening by Charlie Kestell.

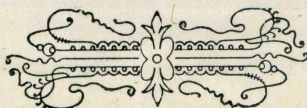


The Reserves had a fairly successful season considering the strong teams they were meeting ; they played thirty-one matches, of which twenty-two were won, five lost, and four drawn ; the points for were 390 and against, 91. Their most noticeable victory was over Cheltenham College, a team the First formerly played, the score was 7 goals 4 tries to 1 goal.

The financial aspect was of more than usual importance, as an arrangement had been come to with the Welsh Union for the erection of greatly increased stand accommodation, and as a result our grand stand was increased to a seating capacity of about 1,800 persons, and our temporary stands were increased to hold about 35,000 people. This work was carried out in the months of July, August and September, by Mr. Harry Gibbon, at a cost of £1,926 6s. 11d., of which the Welsh Union contributed £1,445 2s. 8d., and our Club the balance of £481 4s. 3d. Our Club, therefore, had the benefit of greatly increased accommodation at a small first cost outlay, but sight must not be lost of the fact that it cost us considerably more each year to put up and take down these stands, and we also had to keep them in repair for five years at our sole expense.

The turnover came to £2,633 6s. 8d. and after paying for the stands, and other necessary expenses, including £160 for charity and £50 8s. 6d. to local clubs only £3 0s. 4d. was left in hand. There was, however, £1,700 still on deposit.

The England *v.* Wales match was played at Cardiff, and was the first international match to be played on our ground after the erection of the new stands, and the Cardiff players taking part in this match were J. Blake and E. G. Nicholls. In the Scottish match, E. G. Nicholls and J. Blake played, and these two were our only representatives against Ireland.





## *List of Officers.*

Season 1900=1901.



*President* : W. H. TREATT.

*Vice-Presidents* :

A. DUNCAN,

H. J. SIMPSON.

*Captain* : E. GWYN NICHOLLS.

*Vice-Captain* : J. BLAKE.

*Match Committee* :

A. F. BLAND, W. M. DOUGLAS,

S. H. NICHOLLS, W. D. PHILLIPS.

*Ground Committee* :

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

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

*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-backs* : H. B. Winfield, W. J. Winfield.

*Three-quarter-backs* : H. V. P. Huzzey, Ivor P. Jones, A. M. Ricketts, E. G. Nicholls, W. Jones, "Wax" Williams, W. A. Jones, Wayne Morgan, W. G. Usher, E. G. Treharne, C. F. Biggs, W. Llewellyn, F. Lewis, P. F. Bush, C. Sweet-Escott, J. Davies, S. Jones, Shamus Moore.

*Half-backs* : C. Thomas, C. F. Biggs, C. Kestell, C. Sweet-Escott, S. Biggs, G. Hughes.

*Forwards* : J. Wheeler, J. Blake, W. McIntyre, G. Common, R. J. Auckland, F. Hine, W. Neill, F. J. Box, F. James, J. Bowen, A. James, J. Aherne, W. James, Rhys Davies, R. Grey, J. Thomas, W. Box, G. Dobson, W. Thomas, W. Phillips, D. Thomas, Rev. E. T. Davies, D. L. Bowen, — Hill, W. J. Hart, W. Morgan, D. Edwards.



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GEO. LEWIS. D. THOMAS. W. PHILLIPS. W. WILLIAMS. D. EDWARDS. W. JONES. W. MCINTYRE. F. J. BOX,  
*(trainer.)*  
 G. DOBSON. C. F. BIGGS. H. B. WINFIELD. E. G. NICHOLLS. J. BLAKE. D. L. BOWEN.  
*(capt.)*  
 R. GREY. GRIFF HUGHES. C. KESTELL.



# Record, Season 1900-1901.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR			AGAINST				
				Goals	Tries	Points	Goals	Tries	Points		
1900.											
Sept. 22	District	.. .. .	won	H	2	3	19	-	-	-	
„ 29	Bristol	.. .. .	won	H	3	1	18	-	-	-	
Oct. 6	Llanelly	.. .. .	lost	A	-	1	3	*2	-	8	
„ 13	Moseley	.. .. .	Abandoned								
„ 20	Newport	.. .. .	lost	H	-	2	6	†2	1	12	
„ 27	Swansea	.. .. .	lost	A	-	-	-	3	1	18	
Nov. 3	Leicester	.. .. .	won	H	1	1	8	-	-	-	
„ 10	Neath	.. .. .	drawn	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	
„ 17	Gloucester	.. .. .	won	H	-	1	3	-	-	-	
„ 21	Oxford University	.. .. .	lost	A	†2	-	9	†2	1	12	
„ 24	Newport	.. .. .	lost	A	-	2	6	3	-	15	
Dec. 1	Trial Match										
„ 8	Blackheath	.. .. .	won	A	1	5	20	1	-	5	
„ 15	Cambridge University	.. .. .	won	H	1	1	8	-	-	-	
„ 22	Penarth	.. .. .	won	A	1	1	8	-	-	-	
„ 24	Edinburgh University	.. .. .	won	H	-	1	3	-	-	-	
„ 26	Treorky	.. .. .	won	H	5	-	23	-	1	3	
„ 29	Bristol	.. .. .	won	A	1	-	5	-	1	3	
1901.											
Jan. 12	Penarth	.. .. .	won	H	3	3	24	-	1	3	
„ 19	Moseley	.. .. .	won	A	-	1	3	-	-	-	
Feb. 2	Neath	.. .. .	Abandoned								
„ 9	Leicester	.. .. .	lost	A	-	1	3	†1	-	4	
„ 16	Blackheath	.. .. .	won	H	3	6	33	-	-	-	
„ 23	Newport	.. .. .	lost	H	*1	-	3	1	1	8	
Mar. 2	Gloucester	.. .. .	lost	A	-	1	3	1	2	11	
„ 9	Llanelly	.. .. .	won	H	5	3	34	-	3	9	
„ 23	Newport	.. .. .	won	A	2	-	10	-	-	-	
„ 30	Swansea	.. .. .	lost	H	1	1	8	3*	1	14	
April 6	Hartlepool Old Boys	.. .. .	won	H	1	2	11	-	-	-	
„ 8	Barbarians	.. .. .	drawn	H	-	2	6	-	2	6	
„ 13	Treorky	.. .. .	won	A	-	1	3	-	-	-	
„ 20	Neath	.. .. .	lost	H	1	1	8	†3	-	14	
					34	41	288	22	15	145	

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

Matches played, 29; Won, 17; Drawn, 2. Lost, 10;

*Try getters* : "Wax" Williams, 19; C. F. Biggs, 15; E. G. Nicholls, 8; W. Jones, 7; C. Kestell, 4; H. V. P. Huzzey, 3; W. Morgan, 2; S. Biggs, 2; F. J. Box, 1; F. Hine, 1; J. Blake, 1; G. Common, 1; R. Grey, 1; W. Neill, 1; A. M. Ricketts, 1; J. Wheeler, 1; G. Hughes, 1; E. G. Treharne, 1; W. Phillips, 1.

*Dropped Goals* : W. Jones, 2; H. B. Winfield, 1.

*Penalty Goal* : H. B. Winfield.