

1901=1902.



H. B. WINFIELD succeeded Gwyn Nicholls in the captaincy; D. L. Bowen, an old Llanelly boy, being nominated Vice. Most of last year's players were available, and A. F. Harding offered his services to the Club, and turned out to be one of the best forwards the Club ever had. Defeat came very early this season and from an unexpected quarter, Bristol lowering our colours for the first time in the long series of matches played between these Clubs, but after this we were successful until the middle of March, when we sustained three defeats in succession—Swansea, Newport and Llanelly. Two further defeats followed, and from English teams. The Old Merchant Taylors beating us on our own ground, and Leicester beating us at Leicester. It is to be noticed that fixtures were resumed with Devonport Albion. The match of greatest interest of the season was the one against Swansea at Cardiff on the 26th October; Swansea were a great team in these days, and as Cardiff had on the previous two Saturdays defeated Devonport Albion and Newport, two very good performances, they were thought to have a very good chance of lowering Swansea's colours, and the match drew the largest crowd that had ever attended an inter-club match at Cardiff, the gate receipts amounting to £472 2s. 2d., and many hundreds got in for nothing by scaling the walls in Westgate street, because the ticket sellers could not cope with the thousands who were clamouring for tickets. The match happened to be on what was called "play-day" in the Rhondda, and several thousand Rhonddaïtes were among the spectators. It is also said that fully 3,000 people made the journey from Swansea. The game was a terrific struggle forward, the heavy state of the ground militating against brilliant back play, but the excitement was intense all through.

The first match against Llanelly was also an intensely exciting one. Llanelly were leading close up to time and appeared certain to win, when Cecil Biggs picked up the ball in the loose inside his own "twenty-five," and running in a style reminiscent of his famous brother, Norman, beat Alcwyn Jones and Arnold, and got up to the full-back, when he passed to "Pussy" Jones, who in turn gave up to Bob Grey, who crossed the line to the utter dismay of the Llanelly spectators.

The Cardiff *v.* Oxford match was of special interest from the fact that Strand Jones and H. B. Winfield, who were rivals for the place of full-back for Wales, were pitted against one another, and it was understood that the one who played the better

game that day would be chosen for Wales. Winfield played a much finer game, but he did not get the coveted honour. Apart from this trial of skill between these two players, the match was an excellent one to watch, and the Oxford captain, Crabbie, played a remarkably fine game.

It was during this season that Gwyn Nicholls and H. B. Winfield commenced business at Newport, and after Christmas Nicholls threw in his lot with the Usksiders. He did not play for Newport in their first meeting with us after he joined their ranks, but did play on March 22nd, much against his wish, no doubt, and equally there is no doubt, he was the means of Newport beating us. Later in the season he again played for us against the Barbarians on April 2nd.

Our cup of bitterness was full when the Old Merchant Taylors beat us on our own ground. We were somewhat at sixes and sevens with our back team, and the players seemed to have lost all interest in football, and this, coupled with the exceedingly fine play of Raphael, brought about our undoing.

Percy Bush was injured in the second of the series of Newport matches, and was kept out of the field for the rest of the season.

The Reserves had an excellent team—winning twenty-two out of twenty-eight matches played, and only losing two, four being drawn; their defeats coming from Gloucester Second and Newport Seconds. They scored 39 goals 42 tries to 7 goals and 9 tries.

It is to be recorded that George Lewis, the Club attendant, died early in the season, much to the regret of all those who had in any way been associated with him, he having served the Club faithfully and well for some sixteen or seventeen years.

As a result of the increased accommodation, the total gate receipts amounted to £2,472 5s. 2d., and some £800 above the average; the total income being £3,395 7s. 10d. Charities came in for £133 16s., and £93 16s. 6d. was given to local clubs. A considerable amount of turfing was done, and the putting up and taking down of the temporary stands cost £124. After all usual expenditure had been met, a balance of £279 1s. 11d. remained. The deposit account reached the respectable total of £1,975.

A. F. Harding and E. G. Nicholls played against England, Scotland, and Ireland, and were Cardiff's only representatives in these matches.

List of Officers.

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Season 1901=1902.
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President : W. H. TREATT.

Vice-Presidents :

A. DUNCAN, H. J. SIMPSON.

Captain : H. B. WINFIELD.

Vice-Captain : D. L. BOWEN.

Match Committee :

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

Ground Committee :

J. DAVIES, J. GIBSON, W. T. MORGAN.

Captain Reserves : W. WINFIELD.

Vice-Captain : E. G. TREHARNE.

Committee :

R. W. JOHN. J. E. MERRETT.

Hon. Treasurer : A. F. HILL.

Secretary : CHAS. S. ARTHUR.



H. B. WINFIELD.

Names and Positions of those who played during the Season.

Full-backs : H. B. Winfield, W. J. Winfield, Neville Thomas.

Three-quarter-backs : E. G. Nicholls, W. A. Jones, C. F. Biggs, Alwyn Jones, P. F. Bush, "Wax" Williams, E. G. Treharne, W. Jones, Wayne Morgan, W. Mawer, H. F. Shattock.

Half-backs : C. Kestell, R. A. Gibbs, Alwyn Jones, W. Carde, Neville Thomas, Wyndham Jones, W. Williams, J. Hillman.

Forwards : J. Blake, R. Grey, C. Stranaghan, G. Northmore, D. Thomas, W. C. Rees, A. F. Harding, J. Harding, J. Brown, D. L. Bowen, A. Spackman, W. J. Hart, W. Neill, D. L. Evans, H. Hutchings, C. Kirby, Wayne Morgan, W. Jenkins, H. Coppock, J. Bolton, F. Smith, W. Adams, D. Edwards.

CARDIFF FOOTBALL TEAM

1ST FIFTEEN

1901-2.



C. NORTHMORE



J. BROWN



A. SPACKMAN



D.L. BOWEN



J. CARDE



W.A. JONES



E. Cwyn NICHOLLS



W. JONES



H.B. WINFIELD - CAPTAIN



C. BICOS



W.A. WILLIAMS



C. STRANACHAN



NEVILLE THOMAS



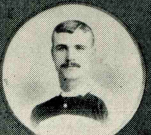
A.F. HARDING



F. KIRBY



W.C. REES



H. HUTCHINS

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Record, Season 1901-1902.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	WHERE PLAYED	FOR			AGAINST		
				Goals	Tries	Points	Goals	Tries	Points
1901.									
Sept. 24	Cardiff District	won	H	*8	1	41	-	-	-
„ 28	Neath	won	H	§2	1	12	-	-	-
Oct. 5	Bristol	lost	A	-	-	-	-	1	3
„ 12	Devonport Albion	won	H	3	1	18	*1	-	3
„ 19	Newport	won	A	†1	1	7	-	1	3
„ 26	Swansea	drawn	H	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov. 2	Moseley	won	A	1	1	8	†1	-	4
„ 4	Cambridge University	won	A	-	4	12	-	1	3
„ 9	Cardiff District	won	H	-	1	3	-	-	-
„ 16	Gloucester	Abandoned							
„ 23	Newport	won	H	†1	1	7	1	-	5
„ 30	Llanely	won	A	2	1	13	-	2	6
Dec. 14	Blackheath	won	A	1	-	5	-	1	3
„ 18	Oxford	won	H	-	3	9	1	-	5
„ 21	Neath	Abandoned (frost)							
„ 26	Barbarians	won	H	-	3	9	-	-	-
„ 28	Old Wesley	won	H	1	5	20	-	-	-
1902.									
Jan. 4	Hartlepool Old Boys	won	H	2	2	16	-	-	-
„ 11	Penarth	won	A	1	4	17	-	-	-
„ 18	Blackheath	won	H	†2	-	9	-	1	3
„ 25	Bristol	won	H	3	2	21	-	1	3
Feb. 8	Devonport Albion	won	A	1	1	8	-	-	-
„ 15	Gloucester	Abandoned							
„ 22	Newport	won	A	-	2	6	†1	-	4
Mar. 1	Moseley	won	H	*2	-	8	-	-	-
„ 5	Gloucester	won	A	1	-	5	-	-	-
„ 8	Penarth	won	H	2	3	19	-	-	-
„ 15	Swansea	lost	A	-	-	-	*1	4	15
„ 22	Newport	lost	H	-	-	-	§1	2	10
„ 29	Llanely	lost	H	†1	-	4	1	2	11
„ 31	Leicester	won	H	1	1	8	-	1	3
April 2	Barbarians	won	H	2	3	19	-	2	6
„ 5	Old Merchant Taylors	lost	H	*1	-	3	1	1	8
„ 12	Leicester	lost	A	*1	-	3	†1	-	4
„ 19	Gloucester	won	H	-	1	3	-	-	-
				40	42	313	10	20	102

† One Dropped. * One Penalty. § One Mark.

Matches played, 32; Won, 25; Drawn, 1; Lost, 6.

Try-getters : Cecil Biggs, 18; W. Jones, 16; "Wax" Williams, 6; P. F. Bush, 4; E. G. Nicholls, 4; W. A. Jones, 4; C. F. Stranaghan, 3; A. F. Harding, 3; Wyndham Jones, 2; R. A. Gibbs, 2; D. Edwards, 1; F. Hine, 1; W. J. Carde, 1; Neville Thomas, 1; D. L. Bowen, 1; Pallott, 1; H. B. Winfield, 1; G. Northmore, 1; W. C. Rees, 1; W. Jenkins, 1; H. Hutchings, 1.

Dropped Goals : W. Jones, 2; Cecil Biggs, 1; Wayne Morgan, 1.

Penalty Goals : H. B. Winfield, 3; E. G. Nicholls, 1.

Goal from mark : H. B. Winfield.