

PROVIDE A THIRD CAPTAIN FOR THE CLUB

1934-35. P46, W27, L14, D5. Points 427-250.

Archie Skym followed two other police officers who captained the club; Willie Spiller in 1912-13, and Tom Lewis 1932-33. Archie had gained four Welsh caps with Llanelly before coming to Cardiff to join the Glamorgan Police Force. Carmarthenshire born (Drefach), he made his debut against Newport in March 1929 and established himself as one of the best forwards in the game, he played for Wales in every position in the pack, though it was as a prop that his services with Cardiff were mainly used. This likeable Welshman, fiery on the field, would have been in the international class in modern fifteen-man Rugby. He was another of our players who captained the British Police, which he did in 1934.

Two forwards made debuts for the back row, Eddie Watkins—hardly out of Caerphilly Grammar School and Gwyn Williams the first of the celebrated Taffs Well family of brothers who were to play for Cardiff and gain fame in the Rugby world; Jim Regan a local boy established himself as the club's hooker and was unfortunate to have "Bunner" Travers of Newport in his way for international caps. Archie's pack was strong enough, he could call upon no less than eleven Glamorgan County Police players on the club's membership, but his backs, mostly young, failed to really establish themselves excepting Willie Reardon on the wing. Late in the season Archie was injured and out of the first team for thirteen matches; Tommy Stone the vice-captain stood in for him during his absence—always acquitting himself well in his own role on the field. Maurice Turnbull our scrum half retired after thirteen matches, and he was succeeded by D. M. Jenkins the promising Rhondda boy who however later turned professional.

A three match winning tour, though by very small margins, took Cardiff on its very first visit to Scotland, meeting Bristol firstly at Horfield and winning by 11 points to eight, then on to play Glasgow High School F.P. 9 points to 8, and then the Watsonians by 5 points to 3. The Glasgow team included R. Wilson Shaw one of the most brilliant Scottish outside halves. His side one point down, he broke through our backs in the last minute to be confronted by a lonely full back over whose head he tried a short punt for the open line. Diminutive Tommy Stone jumped, and succeeded in charging the kick down and saved the match as the ball rolled sharply into touch for the whistle to blow very shortly afterwards.

We drew the first of four matches with Newport and won the next three, but Swansea with the brilliant half back pair of Haydn Tanner and Willie Davies, beat us three times out of four; the four with Llanelly were equally divided—two wins each. Twelve matches

