

CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

SEASON 1975-76

The season really began on Easter Saturday, 1975, when at a meeting of players and Committee, a scheme devised by my predecessor Keith Rowlands was unanimously agreed upon, that the Captain of the Club should be nominated as a result of a proposal by Committee and seconded by a player or vice-versa.

It is now history that Gerald Davies was the nominee submitted to and acclaimed by the Club members at the A.G.M.

The Club Captain immediately called for a day long seminar at which approximately 50 players were in attendance. The two new coaches, John Evans and Chris Padfield, were introduced to the players, and also at this event Gerald took the opportunity of indicating to all present his targets for the approaching season.

In order of priority they were as follows:-

1. To play entertaining 15-man Rugby.
2. To beat the Australians.
3. To win the W.R.U. Knockout Cup.

This kind of thinking took me back to the days immediately after the War, when under Dr. Jack Matthews, Haydn Tanner and Bleddyn Williams the Cardiff team did exactly what Gerald was preaching to the players. I was delighted that my term as Chairman was to start in such a manner.

The month of September was significant for several reasons and the main one was the departure of the Welsh team to Japan. As a result we were without the services of Gareth Edwards and Gerald Davies for the whole month. The Committee also had to do without Les Spence who managed this tour so successfully.

Reports subsequent to the tour have indicated what a marvellous job this great character of Cardiff and Welsh Rugby did in Japan, a country which he had much reason to remember from the past. Well done Les Spence.

There were eight matches in September, three of which we lost. With Roger Lane acting Captain the team did remarkably well, losing to Moseley by one point and to Coventry by three points after leading in both matches almost until the end.

The Gala match was played in a torrential downpour, and in normal circumstances this game could well have been cancelled, but with Cardiff having travelled hundreds of miles and Gala celebrating their Centenary it was felt the game should go on, and the huge crowd were not let down.

There were great wins against Bridgend (away) and Blackheath and Bristol at home.

Also during the month the team played at the ground of Cardiff H.S.O.B. on the occasion of the opening of their new Clubhouse. The ceremony was performed by Cardiff's oldest living international, Mr. Ewan Davies, who warmly congratulated the Old Boys committee on having the foresight to include two Squash Courts in their building.

October proved to be a month of mixed fortunes. Another eight games were played, starting with Penarth who gave Cardiff a terrific game and were actually leading with 15 minutes to go. Lyn Baxter's team almost took the honours with a great exhibition.

The first game against Newport (away) proved to be a bitter disappointment for our supporters as the team gave a lethargic display. It was Gerald's first game and he was off injured for most of the game with double vision.

Then a different story at Pontypool where a good first half was almost countered by "Pool" in the second half.

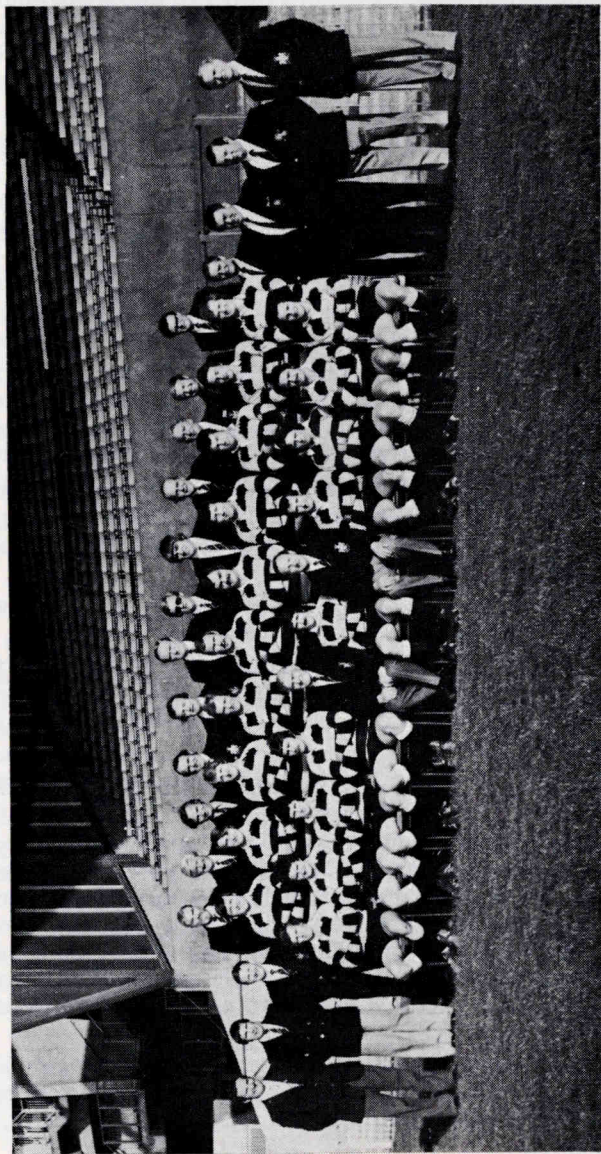
Northampton at home was a repeat of the mixture as in the space of ten minutes Cardiff were 12 points down. The skipper then assumed the role of goal kicker and completely turned the game in our favour.

Back again to normal at Ebbw Vale where nothing went right and we were well beaten in the end.

At home to Cambridge, Cardiff were again troubled by a certain amount of indifference and Cambridge actually scored more tries than we did, but again Gerald's kicking was tremendous and we pulled through. At Pontypridd in front of the best crowd of their season Cardiff were brilliant and on this occasion Gareth Edwards had one of his best games of the season. The month ended with another terrible exhibition at Twickenham against the Harlequins.

This game was being watched by the newly-arrived Australian Touring Party and a few hundred Welsh exiles who regularly follow Cardiff when they are in the Metropolis.

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (FIRST XV)—Season 1975-76



Back Row:

A. D. S. BOWES; W. H. WILKINS; D. J. HAYWARD; C. D. WILLIAMS; L. L. WILLIAMS; K. A. ROWLANDS; J. E. DAVIES; M. L. COLLINS; L. M. SPENCE; T. L. WILLIAMS; A. D. WILLIAMS; P. NYHAN.

Second Row:

C. PADFIELD; J. EVANS; B. MARK; G. WALLACE; A. A. J. FINLAYSON; M. MCJENNETT; R. DUDLEY-JONES; I. ROBINSON; P. RAWLINS; B. NELMES; M. KNILL; S. LANE; M. JOHN; P. GOODFELLOW; H. NORRIS; C. T. HOWE; T. HOLLEY.

Seated:

I. DAVIES; A. PHILLIPS; G. DAVIES; R. LANE; D. M. JAMES (*Chairman*); T. G. R. DAVIES (*Captain*); A. J. FRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*); G. O. EDWARDS; D. B. WILLIAMS; P. EVANS; C. CAMILLERI.

It was impossible to explain to these people why Cardiff could be so brilliant at times and so terrible at other times. The Australians must have had much food for thought after this game.

At least 30 players had played in the 17 matches to the end of October in an effort to find the best combination and this to a certain extent was responsible for the great variance in our game.

The game against Australia is now part of the Club history and in spite of the drama of Gareth Edwards' withdrawal through flu the team raised their game and spirits to magnificent heights to the delight of our own supporters and Rugby followers throughout Wales.

To be Chairman of Cardiff is indeed a great honour, to be Chairman when the Club beats a touring side is a bonus few Chairmen enjoy. When the Australians returned home Cardiff were the only Club side to have beaten them during their Tour and much of the credit must go to the youngsters in the side and the skipper whose pre-match talk was such a great source of inspiration.

The team was now full of confidence and went on to beat Newport with great expertise and relieved me of a Chairman's greatest nightmare (that of being beaten four times in a season by the Black and Ambers for the first time in the long history of both clubs). Newport were to come close to doing this as they subsequently beat us in the remaining matches to win three out of four.

This year is also historic inasmuch as the two Clubs have decided that in future there will be but two fixtures per season.

Thus Cardiff entered a period of tremendous success as only one match was lost from October 25th to January 31st, that against Llanelli (away), and the Club won 14 matches and two Cup matches during this period.

The Rugby played was superb, and one game in particular deserves mentioning: that against Coventry. The Club were honoured by the presence of the American ambassador to Great Britain and his family. They enjoyed their short stay in Cardiff and were able to see a fine game played between an English and Welsh side.

Mr. Elliot Richardson was recalled to the United States to become Secretary of State for Commerce. but his stay was long

enough for him to appreciate the atmosphere of the Cardiff Club. "The singing was superb".

Mr. Richardson's successor, Mrs. Anne Armstrong, has also been a visitor to the Club premises.

The Club were delighted once again to have Gareth and Gerald representing us at Twickenham and with Gareth Davies as a reserve half back, Brynmor Williams as reserve scrum half, Mike Knill as reserve forward for Wales and Barry Nemes reserve forward for England we couldn't grumble. Gareth Edwards went on to win his 45th cap and break the Welsh record previously held by Ken Jones. Mike Knill was awarded his Welsh cap when substituting in the game against France. Mike and Brynmor Williams are also in the Barbarians party to Canada later this year. These players have brought tremendous honour to the Club and deserve all the credit we can give them.

Our elimination from the Welsh Cup was a great blow especially as the game was lost in the last few minutes after Cardiff had played all the rugby on the day. The team recovered somewhat by beating Gala convincingly at home and Bristol (away), but again unaccountably losing to Bath (away) by penalty kicks. Cardiff were due to play Llanelli on this date but they were playing in the Cup. Llanelli found it impossible to find a date to play at Cardiff and so we were denied the opportunity of playing them on the Park.

March saw the Club losing twice to Newport but in between these matches beat an Italian selection side, in L'Aquila and also in Rome. We were happy to renew our friendship with Roy Bish and his good wife and also Roger Beard who appears to be doing well in Brescia.

The Italian trip could be described as an experience in more ways than one, but we were very relieved when the Youth team arrived home after travelling almost the length of Italy.

The season finished on a high note with the magnificent win against the Barbarians where once again Gareth Edwards and Gerald Davies did the trick. To recover from 24-0 down was indeed an achievement.

Finally the Sevens Tournament which could well be called the Royal Sevens in future. The Prince of Wales not only honoured us with his presence but presented the Cup to Cardiff after a fantastically successful Tournament. Gerald Davies once again surpassed himself with great runs and wonderfully accurate

goal kicking and with Chris Camilleri winning the Everson award one could not have selected a better end to the season.

Looking back it was a season of variances, on the one hand brilliant exhilarating Rugby and on the other hand devastatingly lethargic performances.

Many questions will be asked by the critics, one of which could well be: "What would have happened if Gerald had done all the goal kicking?" Nevertheless much credit is due to Gerald and the selectors for sticking to their tasks in spite of adverse and sometimes unfair criticism.

It would be opportune to remind everyone once again that the only incentive offered to Cardiff players is the honour of playing for the Club, and this is how it will remain until the rules are changed.

It was another great season for John Hickey and his Rags marred only by the fact that John suffered a broken leg and did not take any further part on the field. His value as a loyal Club man is tremendous and his contribution as a Committee man always appreciated.

Once again the Youth side have had a very successful season under Peter Goodfellow and in particular did very well in Italy where the interpretation of the word "Youth" leaves much to be desired. This side contains many great prospects and the future of Rugby in Cardiff is almost assured by the lads produced by the Youth.

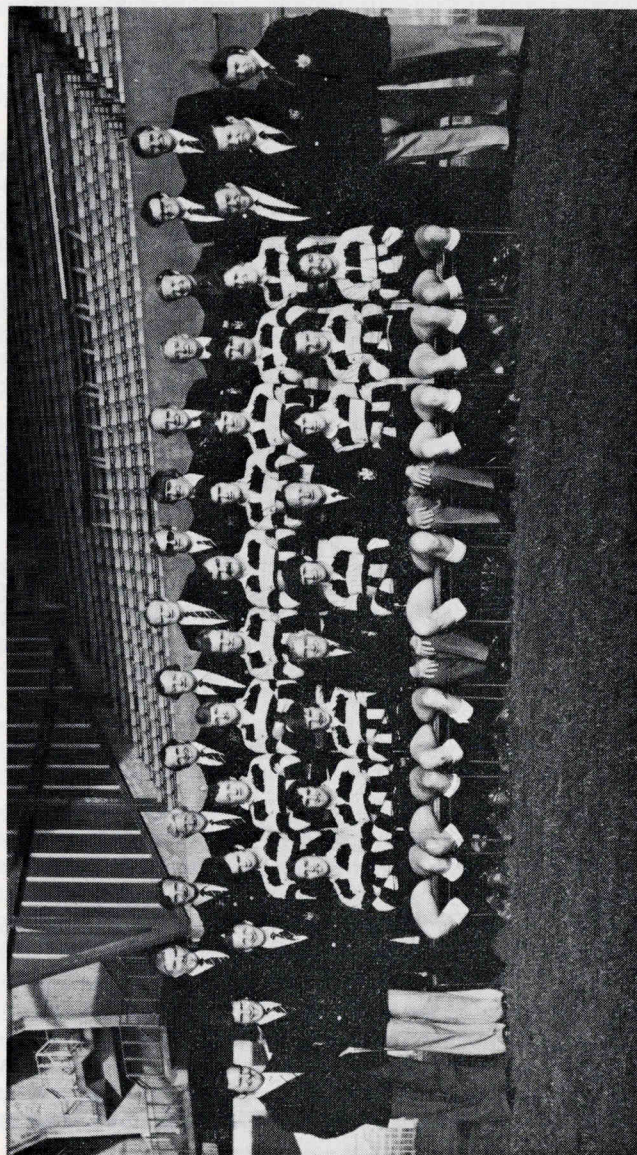
The complete First XV results were.

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Alan Phillips, "the Poacher", our popular hooker broke the try scoring record for forwards with 19 tries, beating the existing record of Mervyn John and Roger Lane. Gareth Davies scored the Club record of points—230. Congratulations to both. Late in the season Gerald Davies showed how competent a goal kicker he is—15 or 7 a side matches. The new caps were C. Camilleri, R. D. Jones, P. Rawlins, D. Thomas and T. Worgan.

The Welsh National Sevens Tournament saw Cardiff triumph even without the services of Gerald Davies, for whom Peter Bolland deputised to link with the other players who had won the Snelling event. In the final (we had beaten on the way Cross Keys 16-6, Maesteg 16-4 and Pyle 24-4) we met Bridgend

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (ATHLETIC XV)—Season 1975-76



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Seated: P. EDMUNDS; H. DWYER; P. BOLLAND; D. M. JAMES (*Chairman*); J. HICKEY (*Captain*); A. J. PRIDAY (*Hon. Secretary*); D. BARRY; C. CAMILLIERI; G. MORRELL.

and beat them for the second time in succession (28-22) and the Tournament itself. Our Young Sevens team deserves much praise for their fine play in the Snelling and Welsh National Tournaments. For the statistics, Cardiff and Bridgend have been finalists in the National event for the now past five times, and Cardiff's latest success gives them three victories to Bridgend's two. Player of the Match—Danny Wilson.

ATHLETIC XV SEASON 1975/76

Captain: John Hickey (2nd Season).

Results P40 W31 L7 D2 Points For 1,150 Points Against 385

The "Rags" had another excellent season, although seven defeats were the highest number since the season 1965/66 Alun Friday (and John Davies), when seven were lost out of 37 fixtures. Biggest successes were the victories by over 40 points namely Coventry Extras 41-10, Senghenydd 42-13, Taffs Well 48-10, Ebbw Vale Athletic 50-6, Yeovil 72-0, Cilfynydd 48-9, Neath Athletic 41-10, Aberaman 63-18, St. Joseph's 56-6, Barry (who stood in for Waunarlwydd who cried off) 76-9 and Swansea Athletic 56-0.

These fine results emphasised great scoring power and the value from Youth players now gaining senior experience. Among them were; Terry Charles, Steve Cooper, Tony Debono, Peter Ford, Terry Holmes (a senior Cup scrum-half of ability), Ian Hopkins, Nick James, Alan King, A. McIntyre, Kevin Morris, P. Mullins, L. O'Brien, Neil O'Donnell, W. Peckham, Paul Rees, D. A. Thomas (forward). A number of these will no doubt strive their best to play in the Blue and Black jersey in our Centenary Season 1976-77.

Top scorers:

Peter Bolland 178 points (27t, 1d, 9p, 20cg).

Dave Barry 148 points (7t, 12p 42cg).

Following Peter Bolland's 27 tries was Chris Camillieri with 22 (including five against Aberaman) then 14 by Flanker Tony Brahim, Tony Debono with 10. There were 44 scorers.

Match Record: Front Row men played in most matches. Don Llewellyn 34 and Mike Ryan 33. The two B's come next, Peter Bolland and Tony Brahim 27 each, Carl Smith and Phil Edmunds played in 25.

Injuries, and a broken leg against Staines, restricted the captain John Hickey to 23 games.

74 players took part (only 45 in the First XV).

New Athletic caps were awarded to Peter Bolland, Howard Dwyer, Phil Edmunds, Gareth Jones, Jeff Jones, Paul Rees, Mike Ryan and Danny Wilson.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention Danny Davies' book on the hundred years of Cardiff Rugby.

The book has been in print since Xmas and is a wealth of statistical information. Members have now had time to digest its contents and the only adverse remarks I have heard about it are that very little is mentioned about the most important event in the 100 years duration of the Club viz the transfer from the Rugby stadium to the Cricket ground and the subsequent transfer of the Cricket ground to Sophia Gardens. This was a tremendous achievement carried out by Mr. Hubert Johnson, Mr. Frank Trott and David Grant, who were the Club's representatives in all the negotiations that took place with the W.R.U. and the City Council. A mammoth performance indeed!

Apart from this the book is a tremendous credit to Danny and will forever remain his memorial in the Club.

Finally, my thanks are due to so many people for making my term as Chairman of this great Rugby Club so easy and pleasant.

This season has seen more sub-committees being held in the Club than ever before; due mainly to the preparations for our Centenary Season. Les Spence has chaired the Centenary Steering Committee throughout and co-opted members Eddie John and Brian Bennett have been of great assistance. Haydn Wilkins has been at the helm as Secretary of the Centenary Committee, and Haydn's administration experience has been invaluable throughout.

The Brochure Sub-Committee are ready to publish the Centenary Brochure and our great thanks are due to J. B. G. Thomas, Colin Howe and Haydn Wilkins. Colin has also had to look after the Museum sub-committee and as such has had the responsibility of assembling the Honours Boards in the Players' Room. Lyr Williams has chaired the Banqueting committee and as such has been responsible for the dinners associated with the Fund-Raising committee. Stan Bowes and Peter Goodfellow are the liason officers to the past players of the Club.

Keith Rowlands is busily assembling the names of world class players who will come to the Arms Park for the Centenary Game in September this year. The special fixtures have been arranged by Brian Mark and his fixture sub-committee.

Dai Hayward, apart from being Vice-Chairman, has continued to be responsible for the home match programmes and continues to delight the followers with his punchy notes on the game and its characters.

Every member of the Committee has been involved in one sub-committee or other and the call on the little leisure time they have has been severe.

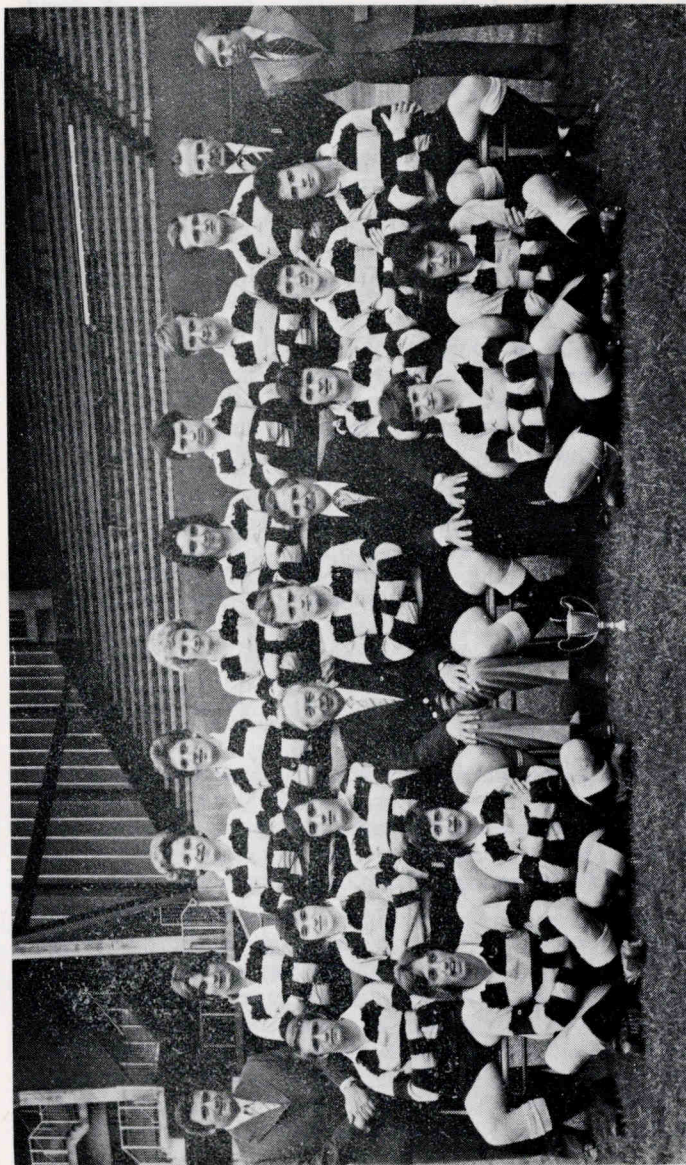
Whilst all this was going on the Club has had to be run as in normal seasons and to this my thanks must go to Alun Friday, Hon. Secretary, who in my view has done an outstanding job. Peter Nyhan, who apart from being Assistant Secretary is also Secretary of the Youth, has had his hands full throughout.

The Selectors, chaired by the skipper, have done a super job throughout and have been present at every game at first and second team levels. John Davies as Senior Selector has a cauliflower ear from holding the telephone to his head three or four days a week. He has been ably backed by Dai Hayward and C. D. Williams, and in spite of the "doctor" moving jobs back to London, has succeeded in doing his job as a Selector and Fixture Secretary for the Rags XV. This is but one example of Club loyalty. Tony Williams and Peter Nyhan represent the Club on the Snelling Sevens committee.

Lloyd Williams does his stuff on the East District or "B" Committee, whilst Howard Norris, busily shedding stones, has always been available and fits in everywhere (if the chair is big enough). The same applies to Malcolm Collins, My thanks, Gentlemen, for being a great and loyal Committee.

To Ken George and his staff in the offices, my grateful thanks; to Richard Stevens and his lads for producing the best surface in the country; to Norman Leworthy and his good wife my thanks for all the preparations made to make the big occasions successful, and to the bevy of beauty who make us so welcome at the bars; to all the doctors and Club masseurs for the wonderful work and to Ron Durham of Cardiff City A.F.C. for his ever available help on special injuries. It would be well to mention that Dr. Huw Evans was the Club doctor on duty when Mervyn Davies

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (JUNIOR XV)—Season 1975-76



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W. DAVIES.
Middle Row: A. MCINTYRE; S. THOMAS; J. RAWLINGS; L. JONES; N. O'DONNELL (Capt.); P. GOODFELLOW; L. O'BRIEN; G. HART; A. DECARO.
Front Row R. COLE; A. JONES; N. O'DONNELL; M. DIMONACO.

was so tragically in a state of collapse when playing on the Park for Swansea v. Pontypool in the semi-final of the Welsh Cup.

My thanks also to John Grubeman and his stewards and to the loyal supporters of the Club; also to St. Albans Band after 50 years blowing on the Park.

Finally to the wives of the players and Committee who put up with so much that so many thousands can be entertained, and to the backbone of the Club, "the members", my grateful thanks.

MALDWYN JAMES, *Chairman*

CARDIFF JUNIOR XV

Season 1975-76

Captain: Neil O'Donnell

Played 33 Won 30 Lost 3 Points for 971 Points Against 156

At the pre-season get-together, the squad were advised of two major objectives for the season 1975-76.

Firstly, and most important, was that the team should play "open and attractive football". This was achieved to a great extent for the most part of the season; unfortunately in the last few weeks the standard did fall slightly due to injuries and demands for players for the first and Athletic teams.

The second objective was to raise £1,000 towards the cost of the Italian Tour in March. This sum was reached, and exceeded, by some great efforts of the players and sub-committee. My thanks must go to the Supporters Club and members of the Athletic Club, who most generously bought raffle tickets from players, on the occasions when raffles were held in the Clubhouse.

Monies raised came from players weekly subscriptions and fines, £190, and raffles, £260. Gate receipts from our game at the Arms Park on Friday evening 5th March (10p Field, 20p Stand) raised £45. A very successful sponsorship scheme during November raised £433. The idea was to collect money depending upon the number of points scored during the five matches in November. A sort of pennies for points, with a maximum contribution of £1. Committee man Les Jones topped the poll with £96.

A Disco and Cabaret was held in the Athletic Club on 1st March, and profits from this and the raffle, raised £82. Further donations (3 cheques) raised £78 — including one player's father, who kindly gave us £50 — thank you Mr. X.

The following players won their colours during the season. Robert Cole, Neil Collins, Tony Decaro, Mike Dimonaco, Peter Ford, Geoff Hart, Nick James, Huw Jones, Robert Lakin, David Miller, Andy McIntyre, Mike O'Donnell, David and Stephen Thomas (brothers) and John Rawlings. Colours take the form of a tie and are available to those players who have played 20 times for the Youth XV.

Terry Holmes (captain of the Welsh Youth team), Neil O'Donnell and Laurence O'Brien all played for Wales during the season.

Terry Holmes also played six times for the First XV, and four times for the Athletic XV, Neil O'Donnell played seven times for the Athletic, David Thomas six times and Laurence O'Brien five times.

In all, Youth players represented the First XV on six occasions, and the Athletic team on 28 occasions.

One of the schoolboys in the squad, Philip Spear, was capped for the Welsh Schools against England. We are pleased for Philip, and look forward to seeing him more often in Youth colours as he is eligible for another two seasons.

The team scored 50 points or more on seven occasions during the season, including the 66-6 victory over the British Army Juniors at Arms Park on 5th March — our only appearance under floodlights.

Perhaps the best performance of the season was against the Welsh Youth Cup winners, Llanelli, 20-6. Other notable victories were Leicester (twice) 25-0 and 29-0, and Ebbw Vale 24-3.

Two notable victories were achieved against the Italian National Teams in L'Aquila and Roma, but unfortunately these games became far too physical, and as spectacles, were very disappointing to us.

Of the three defeats, two came in away matches against local rivals, Rumney and Glamorgan Wanderers, both games ending 10-9. We congratulate these two clubs, and feel that the future for senior rugby, especially in the Cardiff area, looks very promising indeed.

Top scorers were: Tony Decaro 108 (27 tries), Terry Holmes 84 (20 tries and two conversions), Geoff Hart 64 (16 tries) and Robert Lakin 60 (15 tries).

Our full back, Stephen Thomas, deserves a paragraph all to himself. He amassed an amazing 341 points in 32 games played. The "POINTS MACHINE" scored 11 tries 81 conversions and 45 penalties, and created a club record for an individual which will stand, I am sure for a very long time. Stephen's ambition is to become a Police Officer, and with his points record, will surely be 'arrested' by some zealous Chief Constable.

One unusual feature in our score sheet is that not one drop-goal was recorded in a total of 971 points.

Most appearances: Stephen Thomas 32, Tony Decaro 30, Robert Cole and Huw Jones 29.

My thanks go to Secretary Peter Nyhan, co-opted members of the Committee, Les Jones, Gerry Donovan, Don Pill, Jim O'Donnell and lastly Weldon Davies who coached the team into being a formidable Youth combination yet again. The endeavours and efforts of these dedicated people has been superb, and without them, the Youth Section would have been much poorer.

My final thanks must, of course, go to the boys in the squad. They proved themselves in every way, their behaviour and keen sporting spirit, both on and off the field, being excellent. I should also like to express my thanks to the many parents (and one grandfather) who turned up to support the team at so many 'out of the way' places. They were a joy to behold and certainly gave us the support when we most needed it—remember these youths are the Cardiff Seniors of the future.

Quietly spoken Neil O'Donnell (captain) was a good influence on the team, and he will be missed after four seasons with the squad, as, regrettably, he has to go on to senior football. Other familiar faces also leaving for the seniors include Terry Holmes, Laurence O'Brien and Nick James, all of whom have had three years or more with us.

The Player of the Year Award went to Andy McIntyre, a tenacious back-row forward who, despite his lack of inches, was a giant in the team. Our congratulations go to Andy, and commiserations go to the two other contenders, Peter Ford and Stephen Thomas, who were close on his heels for the award.

All in all, it was a most successful season, and with more support, look forward to yet another successful season next year.

P. T. GOODFELLOW,
Chairman, Cardiff R.F.C. Junior Committee

RECORD OF RESULTS—SEASON 1975-76

CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1975															
Sept. 3	Glamorgan Wandrs.	H	Won	2	6				36						6
6	Moseley ..	A	Lost	1	1		2		16	1	2		1		17
10	Bristol ..	H	Won				3		9				1		3
13	Blackheath ..	H	Won	4	5				44						0
17	Bridgend ..	A	Won	2					12				1		3
20	Coventry ..	A	Lost	2			2		18	2			3		21
24	Aberavon ..	H	Won	2			2		18				2		6
27	Gala ..	A	Lost		1		2		10	1			2		12
Oct. 1	Penarth ..	H	Won	1	3		1		21	1			3		15
4	Newport ..	A	Lost						0	2	1				16
8	Pontypool ..	A	Won		1	2	2		16		1	1			7
11	Northampton ..	H	Won	2	1		1		19	2			1		15
15	Ebbw Vale ..	A	Lost	1			1		9		1		3		13
18	Cambridge Univ.	H	Won	1	1		3		19		3				12
22	Pontypridd ..	A	Won	1	2		1		17	1		1	2		15
25	Harlequins ..	A	Lost	2	1		1		19	2	2		4		32
Nov. 1	Australia ..	H	Won		2		2		14				3		9
8	Newport ..	H	Won		2		2		14				2		6
15	Wasps ..	A	Won	2	2				20				2		6
22	Llanelli ..	A	Lost	1	1	1			13	2		1	1		18
29	Pontypool ..	H	Won				3		9		1		1		7
Dec. 2	Neath ..	A	Won	2			1		15				2		6
6	Swansea ..	H	Won	2	2		1		23	1					6
13	Bedford ..	H	Won	3	4	1	1		40	2			2		18
19	London Welsh FL	H	Won	3	3		1		33		1				4
26	Pontypridd ..	H	Won	1	1	1	3		22	1			2		12
27	Ebbw Vale ..	H	Won	4	4	1			43		1		2		10
1976															
Jan. 10	Coventry ..	H	Won	3	2		1		29	2					12
17	London Welsh A.M.	A	Won	4	1				28		1		1		7
25	Neath SUN.	H		Cancelled owing to frost											
Feb. 6	Gala (FRI.) FL	H	Won	3	6				42	1					6
14	Bath ..	A	Lost		1				4				1		9
25	Bristol ..	A	Won	1	3		3		27	1	1				10
28	Abertillery ..	H	Won	2	3		1		27	1			1		9
Mar. 3	Neath FL	H	Won		1		3		13				2		6
10	Bridgend ..	H	Dr'n	1			2		12				4		12
13	Newport ..	A	Lost				2		6		1		2		12
19	Italian Selection*	A	Won	2	4	1			31	2	1	2	1		25
21	Italian Selection†	A	Won	2	6				36		4				16
27	Newport ..	H	Lost	1			3		15	1	2		1		17
31	Gloucester ..	H	Won	1	5		2		32		1				4
Apr. 7	Aberavon ..	A	Lost	1			1		9	2			3		21
10	Swansea ..	A	Dr'n		2		1		11		2		1		11
17	Barbarians ..	H	Won	3	2	1			29	3	1		2		28
19	Harlequins ..	H	Won	1	3		1		21		1				4
	TOTALS ..			64	82	8	55		901	33	27	6	60		504

Cardiff First Fifteen— continued

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 44; Won 31; Lost 11; Drawn 2

FL Floodlight

* At Aquila

† At Rome

W.R.U CHALLENGE CUP

1975																
Nov 12	Glam. Wandrs.	FL	H	Won	2	5		3	41					2		6
1976																
Jan. 1	Gorseinon ..	..	H	Won	6	8			68	1	1			1		13
31	Aberavon ..	..	H	Lost		3			12	1	1			2		16
	TOTALS ..				8	16		3	121	2	2			5		35

TOTAL CUP MATCHES: Played 3; Won 2; Lost 1; Drawn 0.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS

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1976																
Apr. 3	Kelso	1	Won	2	1		1	19				2			8
	Stewarts-Melville	2	Lost		1			4		3					18

WELSH SNELLING SEVENS

1976																
May 1	Swansea ..	..	1	Won	5	1			34				1			4
	Penarth ..	..	2	Won	2	3			24		1					6
	Gala ..	..	SF	Won	2	1			16		1	1				10
	Newport ..	..	F	Won	3				18			2				8

W.R.U. NATIONAL SEVENS, PONTYPRIDD

1976																
May 8	Cross Keys ..	..	1	Won	2	1			16				1			4
	Maesteg ..	..	2	Won	3				18				1			4
	Pyle ..	..	SF	Won	4				24				1			4
	Bridgend ..	..	F	Won	4	1			28		3	1				22

Captain: GERALD DAVIES

RECORD FOR SEASON (including WRU Cup Ties): Played 47;
Won 33; Lost 12; Drawn 2

SCORES FOR: Goals 72; Tries 98; Drop Goals 8;
Penalty Goals 58; Points For 1,022.

SCORES AGAINST: Goals 35; Tries 29; Drop Goals 6;
Penalty Goals 65; Points Against 539.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Rslt.	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1975															
Sept. 3	Llanharan ..	A	Won	1	1		2		16		1				4
6	Moseley Athletic ..	H	Won	4	3				36				2		6
10	Bristol Utd. ..	A	Won	4	6				48	1			3		15
13	Neath Athletic ..	A	Won	1	2				14	1	1		1		13
17	Pencoed ..	H	Won	1	2				14				2		6
20	Coventry Extra 1sts	H	Won	3	5		1		41	1	1				10
24	Aberavon Quins ..	A	Won	3	1		3		31				2		6
27	Senghenydd ..	H	Won	3	6				42	1	1		1		13
Oct. 1	Penygraig ..	A	Lost		2				8		1		2		10
4	Newport Utd. ..	H	Won	1	1		4		22	1	2		1		4
11	Harlequin Wdrs. ..	A	Won	5	2				38		1				17
15	Treorchy FL	H	Won		5		2		26	1			1		9
18	Taffs Well ..	A	Won	4	6				48	1	1				10
25	Ebbw Vale Ath. ..	H	Won	6	2		2		50	1					6
Nov. 1	Newport H.S.O.B.	SG	Won	1	4				22		2				8
8	Yeovil ..	A	Won	6	9				72						0
15	Pontypool Utd. ..	H	Won		1		1		7				1		3
22	Cilfynydd ..	SG	Won	6	3				48				3		9
29	Abercynon ..	A	Dr'n				2		6				2		6
Dec. 6	Swansea Athletic	A	Dr'n	1	1				10		1		2		10
13	Bridgend Sports ..	SG	Lost	1			1		9	1	1		2		16
20	Neath Athletic	SG	Won	3	5		1		41	1	1				10
27	Pontyclun ..	A	Won	2	1		1		19	1			2		12
1976															
Jan. 3	Aberaman ..	SG	Won	4	9	1			63	2		1	1		18
10	Coventry Extra 1sts	A	Lost	1			1		9	1	2		2		20
17	Lon. Welsh Druids	A	Lost						0				2		6
24	Llantwit Major AM	H	Won	2	5				32		1				4
Feb. 7	St. Josephs AM	A	Won	6	5				56				2		6
14	Bristol Utd. ..	H	Won	1	4		2		28		1	1	4		19
21	Pentyrch ..	A	Won	1	4	1	1		28						0
28	Staines* ..	A	Won	3	3				30	2	1				16
Mar. 6	Mountain Ash ..	SG	Won	2	2		1		23		1		2		10
13	Taibach ..	SG	Won	1	2		2		20		1		2		10
20	Barry† ..	H	Won	6	10				76	1			1		9
27	Newport Utd. ..	A	Lost				4		12	1	1		1		13
Apr. 3	Gloucester Utd. ..	A	Lost		1				4		2		3		17
10	Swansea Athletic	H	Won	7	2		2		56						0
14	Cardiff H.S.O.B.	A	Won		2		1		11				2		6
17	Pontypool Utd. ..	A	Lost	1			2		10	1			2		12
21	Cowbridge ..	H	Won	1	3	1	1		24	1	1	1	1		16
	TOTALS ..			91	121	4	36		1150	20	25	3	52		385

RECORD FOR SEASON: Played 40; Won 31; Lost 7; Drawn 2.

Captain: JOHN HICKEY

*Staines 50th Anniversary †Barry substituted for Waunarllywd

CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS — Rugby — First XV.

	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Vice-Captain</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Vice-Captain</i>
1876-77	T. S. DONALDSON SELBY	W. D. PHILLIPS	1926-27	W. J. DELAHAY
1877-78	E. C. FRY	W. D. PHILLIPS	1927-28	B. K. TURNBULL
1878-79	H. F. FOA	B. E. GILLING	1928-29	B. C. NALE
1879-80	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. E. GILLING	1929-30	S. C. CRAVO
1880-81	W. D. PHILLIPS	B. E. MANN	1930-31	B. K. TURNBULL
1881-82	B. E. GILLING	W. D. PHILLIPS	1931-32	HOWARD POOLE
1882-83	W. D. PHILLIPS	W. H. TREAT	1932-33	TOM LEWIS
1883-84	H. J. SIMPSON	W. D. PHILLIPS	1933-34	GRAHAM JONES—
1884-85	F. E. HANCOCK	A. F. HILL	1934-35	A. SKYM
1885-86	W. M. DOUGLAS	A. F. HYBART	1935-36	T. STONE
1886-87	G. A. YOUNG	A. F. HILL	1936-37	L. M. SPENCE
1887-88	F. E. HILL	C. S. ARTHUR	1937-38	H. RENE
1888-89	S. E. HILL	S. F. NICHOLLS	1938-39	W. E. L. DAVIES
1889-90	W. D. WILLIAMS	D. W. EVANS	1939-40	L. M. SPENCE
1890-91	T. W. EVANS	F. N. JONES	1939-45	W. WOOLLEY (2 games)
1891-92	T. W. PEARSON	A. LEWIS	1945-46	JACK MATTHEWS
1892-93	N. BIGGS	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	1946-47	JACK MATTHEWS
1893-94	F. E. HILL	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	1947-48	HAYDN TANNER
1894-95	R. B. SWEET-ESCOTT	F. MILLS	1948-49	HAYDN TANNER
1895-96	I. E. ELLIOT	S. BIGGS	1949-50	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1896-97	S. BIGGS	F. GIBBS	1950-51	W. E. TAMPLIN
1897-98	E. Gwyn NICHOLLS	F. GIBBS	1951-52	DR. JACK MATTHEWS
1898-99	E. Gwyn NICHOLLS	T. DORSON	1952-53	W. REX WILLIS
1899-1900	E. Gwyn NICHOLLS	H. V. P. HUSSEY	1953-54	BLEDDYN WILLIAMS
1900-01	E. Gwyn NICHOLLS	I. BLAKE	1954-55	SID. JUDD
1901-02	H. B. WINFIELD	D. L. BOWEN	1955-56	REX WILLIS
1902-03	H. B. WINFIELD	C. STRANAGHAN	1956-57	SID. JUDD
1903-04	E. Gwyn NICHOLLS	C. F. BIGGS	1957-58	P. T. GOODFELLOW
1904-05	C. F. BIGGS	W. NEILL	1958-59	E. THOMAS
1905-06	PERCY F. BRUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE	1959-60	C. D. WILLIAMS
1906-07	PERCY F. BRUSH	GEO. NORTHMORE	1960-61	GORDON WELLS
1907-08	RHYNS T. GABE	I. BROWN	1961-62	LYLOYD WILLIAMS
1908-09	PERCY F. BRUSH	F. SMITH	1962-63	LYLOYD WILLIAMS
1909-10	I. L. WILLIAMS	F. SMITH	1963-64	D. J. HAYWARD
1910-11	R. A. GIBBS	I. PUGSLEY	1964-65	D. J. HAYWARD
1911-12	L. M. DYKE	I. A. POWELL	1965-66	MEIRION ROBERTS
1912-13	W. SPILLER	W. J. JENKINS	1966-67	K. ROWLANDS
1913-14	W. J. JENKINS	R. F. WILLIAMS	1967-68	K. ROWLANDS
1914-15	EUROPEAN WAR		1968-69	C. K. NORRIS
1915-16	F. GACCON—	W. J. JENKINS	1969-70	C. H. NORRIS
1916-17	W. J. POWELL		1970-71	J. O'SHEA
1917-18	CLEM LEWIS		1971-72	J. HICKEY
1918-19	R. ARTHUR CORNISH		1972-73	J. H. JAMES
1919-20	DR. T. WALLACE		1973-74	G. WALLACE
1920-21	IDRIS RICHARDS		1974-75	G. DAVIES
1921-22	T. A. JOHNSON		1975-76	M. JOHN
1922-23	D. E. DAVIES			T. G. R. DAVIES
1923-24				
1924-25				
1925-26				