

# CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1985-86

As my father, Willie Arthur, always maintained: "It's better to have memories than dreams," and I have some imperishable memories of season 1985-86. However early last September there were only dreams. Dreams of glory, but there were also thoughts of failure, even nightmares of tragedy. There were also doubts. Could this team that had been together for so long, and had achieved so much, launch yet another successful campaign. Or would the old war horse find that the season ahead contained too many battles to be contesting for the honours on the last field of glory.

The early games gave grounds for hope and cause for concern. We beat Cross Keys in the inaugural match of their Centenary season by 32 pts. to 11pts. This was followed by a 27 pts. to 10 pts. win over Glamorgan Wanderers at the Memorial Ground. This was a better win than it appeared at the time, since the Wanderers went on to their best ever season and finished second to Pontypool in the Western Mail Championship. Within five days of the start of the season, we were playing our third away game and, in the shape of Bangor, Northern Ireland, our second against centenary celebrating opponents.

In our first home game we defeated Bristol by 28 pts. to nil, followed three days later by a 30 pts. to 27 pts. win over Neath, also at home. In this game, Neath with seven forwards scored 18 pts. in the last eight minutes. Cause for concern. By October 9th we had also beaten Penarth, Coventry, Aberavon, Pontypridd and Newport. All except Aberavon away from home. Cause for hope.

However, despite the fact that we were winning, and scoring an average 25 points a match, we were not convincing. There was very little of the flow, flair and continuity that had characterised our play of recent seasons. Strangely, no one could pinpoint the precise cause of the malady. Many were the theories propounded, ranging from the introduction of the new tackle law to statements so outrageous that even *Private Eye* wouldn't print them. The only man who seemed unperturbed was Alan Phillips, the captain, who very sensibly was happy just to go on winning.

Nevertheless even he would be the first to admit that the whole team relied to an unhealthy extent on the genius of Terry Holmes and the boot of Gareth Davies. The *Western Mail* report on the Aberavon game stated: "Terry Holmes has imperiously returned to his best form. Without the magnificent Welsh skipper, a revitalised



one-man rugby army, Cardiff's desperate struggle for decent form would be a hopeless task." Whilst making allowances for the journalese, the comment summed up the situation, and the bubble burst against Bridgend on October 9th. Without the cunning and line-out expertise of John Scott and the inspiration of Terry Holmes, Bridgend out-thought and out-ran us to take our long-standing ground record by 16 pts. to 7 pts.

Three days later, on the 12th of October, we beat the redoubtable Fijian tourists on the National Stadium in a scintillating game of rugby football. This game should have given us a clue to the resolution and innate ability of our team, but was probably overlooked in the gloom that followed successive Wednesday night defeats at Pontypool and Bath. We lost 12 pts. to 13 at Pontypool Park, and Gareth Davies dropped four goals, to match Barry John's record for the second time.

The more perspicacious of our members may well ask how we find ourselves in a situation wherein we play teams of the quality of Bridgend, Pontypool and Bath on successive Wednesdays, particularly when we have games against Newport, Fiji and Wasps on the intervening Saturdays. It is a long story, but basically it is the result of having fixed dates for the Welsh and English Cup competitions. Brian Mark, our more-than-capable fixture secretary is well aware of the situation and its consequent effects, but a solution to this congestion will of necessity be a long term and possibly contentious cure.

In the run-up to the first round of the Schweppes Cup, we beat the Harlequins at Twickenham by 38 pts. to 16, Newbridge at home by 41 pts. to 15, Leicester away 20 pts. to 15 pts, then we beat Oxford University and Ebbw Vale, both games at Cardiff. The cup game against South Glamorgan Institute on their home ground was significant for a number of reasons. First we won it by 25 pts. to 15, thanks largely to the five goals kicked by David Barry, playing at fly-half instead of the injured Gareth Davies. Steve Cannon also played shrewdly in the absence of Terry Holmes. The game was also significant for the first appearance in Cardiff colours of Robert Ackerman of Lions, Wales and London Welsh fame. However, his thunder was stolen by the College centre John Devereux, who used this game as a platform from which he launched himself into a meteoric rise to international fame.

On November 23rd we suffered our fourth defeat of the season against Llanelli at Stradey Park 3 pts. to 13. This game was our 22nd outing in just twelve weeks. Not only that, but with the exception of Swansea, we had played almost every significant club in the British

Isles. By the turn of the year we had achieved another six straight wins, including a home cup match against plucky Pencoed. In the end we ran out winners 24 pts to 3 pts., but that seemed of little significance compared with the appearance, as a substitute, of P.L. Jones for the village side, and the fact that Pencoed with what must have been the entire population of the village, plus distant relatives, turned up for a rollicking good day out at Cardiff. And we were delighted to have them.

Our win against South Wales Police was marred by the sending off of Robert Norster. in a bad tempered game all round, it was sickening that Bob should have been singled out for dismissal, and subsequent banning from international rugby, whilst the real villains went undetected. The ruling of the W.R.U. that they will not consider for national selection players who have been sent off, whilst made with the very best of intentions, gives too much scope to the provocateurs and causes more problems than it cures.

At this point in the season my dreams of glory were not diminished. My thoughts of failure had not been fully justified either, but tragedy had struck. Malcolm Collins, a dear friend and colleague, had died from a heart attack in the most tragic of circumstances.

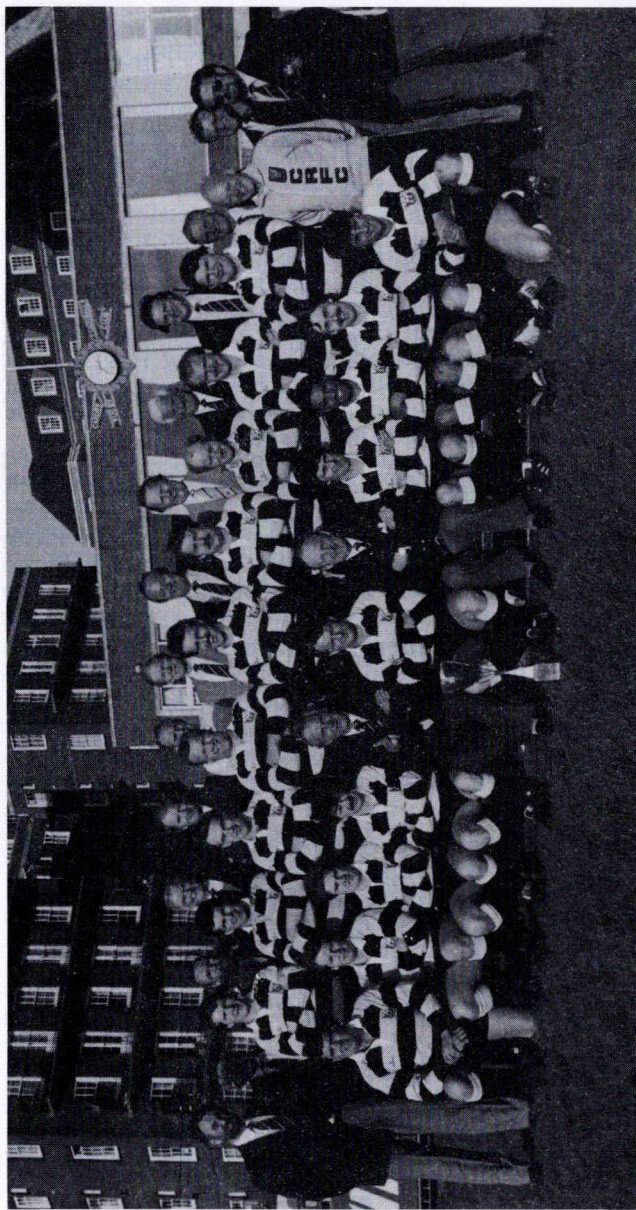
However on New Years Day 1986, despite the gloom and rain, all my fears were banished. Cardiff played Bath at the Arms Park, and thrashed the best team in England by 30 pts. to 12 pts. in a brilliant game of rugby football. I knew from that point on that our team was capable of beating the best — and beating them with style. What a show the boys put on, without realising it, for Mair, wife of Malcolm Collins, who had made her first appearance at the Club since her husband's death.

Our wins in December over Swansea, London Welsh and Pontypridd were achieved without the help of Terry Holmes, who had made his first appearance for Bradford Northern on December 9th, thus ending weeks of speculation about his future. People have varied opinions about his decision, but everyone in Cardiff, certainly, will agree that he was one of the all-time greats, as a player, as a man and a club man and we can only wish him all the very best of luck.

I didn't share the general trepidation regarding the club's playing future consequent upon the demise of Terry. I had always felt that despite an abundance of talented players throughout the team, everyone left it to "Hombers" to create the miracles, which he inevitably did. Without him the load would be spread more evenly



## CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (FIRST XV)



**Back Row:** H. Norris, I. Robinson, A. D. S. Bowes, M. John, C. D. Williams, J. D. Nelson, L. Williams, J. D. Davies, W. H. Wilkins, G. Davies, P. T. Goodfellow, P. Nyhan  
**Middle Row:** R. Beard (*Coach*), A. Hadley, T. Crothers, H. Stone, K. Edwards, R. Norster, J. Scott, R. Lakin, G. Roberts, I. Eidman, R. Ayres, G. Samuel (*Coach*).  
**Front Row:** C. Collins, O. Golding, M. Rayer, A. Donovan, D. J. Hayward (*Chairman*), A. J. Phillips (*Captain*), A. J. Priddy (*Hon. Secretary*), W. G. Davies, G. Cordie, S. Cannon, M. Ring.

and after a period of adjustment we would compensate with a raised level of team work all round.

In January we followed up our win at Bath with an excellent away win at Moseley, received a right hammering at Aberavon, a stumbling win at London Welsh, and a magnificent cup round win at Neath Athletic. One cannot praise Rhys Stephens and his committee too highly for their efforts to host this 3rd round cup match.

There were no games played during February, then we restarted in March with a drawn match 16 pts. all with Llanelli. This game preceded our fourth round cup match with Glamorgan Wanderers, who had spared no effort to prepare themselves for this encounter, which we won 21 pts. to 12. The cup was now beginning to dominate the thoughts of everyone, and it didn't really surprise anyone that we lost at Ebbw Vale a week before we played Bridgend at Swansea in the semi-final. We won the cup match against Bridgend and then proceeded to lose to the Barbarians 19 pts. to 24 pts. a week later. We were soundly thrashed by Bridgend as a consequence of sending a sub-standard team to the Brewery Field four days later.

Cup Final fever was now raging throughout the ranks of the players and committee with the result that intervening matches were either used as cup preparation or as inconvenient occurrences before the big day. The consequences of this attitude resulted in two away losses to Neath and Swansea, although it must be said that Swansea played brilliantly, revealing late in the season their true potential. We did run up a massive 68 pts. against Bedford in a game that marked the return to the first team of Mark Ring. His recovery from serious injury is a minor miracle in itself, and its timing was such that he proved himself a serious contender for the Cup Final.

The Cup Final itself was a brilliant affair, contrary to the predictions of the Press who forecast a dull forward-dominated game. To win the final is reward enough — but to win what is now regarded as the best cup final to date, against traditional rivals like Newport, and to win it with style in the very best Cardiff traditions was a memorable experience.

Ian Eidman, Alan Phillips, Jeff Whitefoot, Bob Norster, Kevin Edwards, Owen Golding, John Scott and Gareth Roberts were all superb. Little Neil O'Brien was a revelation, Gareth Davies played to his world class form, Alun Donovan and Mark Ring probed and taunted, Adrian Hadley scored three tries and won the Man of the Match award, Gerald Cordle and Mark Rayer were dangerous attackers and staunch defenders.



Four days later the same team with the exception of David Evans for Gareth Davies, and the much underrated Howard Stone for John Scott, completed the most successful and glorious week the club has experienced for a long time. They took on the might of Pontypool, and instead of showing understandable signs of fatigue and a Cup Final hangover, they ran them ragged. It was an amazing game. The forward exchanges made strong men blink, but the pack took it all, soaked it up, and came back in a manner that had Pontypool in disarray. It was a performance of high quality and character, and it made us all very proud. These last two games, confounded our critics, silenced those who thought we were over the hill and wrote another chapter in the illustrious history of Cardiff R.F.C.

After the cup final Gareth Davies announced his retirement. In his twelve seasons with Cardiff, Gareth scored 2,853 points in 357 appearances, and in this, his last season, he scored 338 points, over a third of the total scored by the team. Gareth to the end remained an enigma. Possessed of beautiful hands, an amazing kicker, and a silky, balanced runner he could produce play that transcended the normal, and entered the realms of the immortal Welsh fly halves. He could on occasions also make you shake your head in disbelief. Nevertheless whatever mood he was in — he always entertained, he always scored points and, a rarity in fly halves, he was always there. Another great club man. He will certainly be missed.

Another retirement was announced by Gary Samuel, one of our famous duo of coaches. His partnership with Roger Beard has taken us through one of the most successful periods in the history of the club. Possessed of all the skills himself, he worked unstintingly to impart those skills to others, and brought a fluency to our threequarters that delighted us all.

This would be a good point at which to thank Roger Beard, who with Gary Samuel, took us through to an ultimately dramatically successful climax to the season. Very few people are aware of the commitment required from the club coaches. It is a job that takes its toll of both time and nervous energy and requires complete dedication. Roger gives freely of his time and his dedication and I sincerely hope he finds another Gary Samuel very quickly.

Another person who finds that being in charge is a lot more than merely carrying the ball onto the field is the club captain. Alan Phillips has coped with his responsibilities both on and off the field in an exemplary manner. He has visibly grown in presence and maturity as the season progressed and the glory of holding the Welsh Cup aloft at the end of the season was just reward for his dedication.

Probably the busiest bees on the committee are the selectors, C.D. Williams, Mervyn John and Gary Davies. Who do you please as a selector when you have a grand stand and a committee box full of people who could pick a better team? My thanks anyway for performing admirably what is a thankless task.

My thoughts turn to Brian Mark at this moment. He missed our triumphs at the end of the season due to illness, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Come back soon Brian, not only do we miss you personally — but who else amongst us can manipulate the fixture list?

To each in turn of our committee, to Peter Nyhan, Alun Priddy, Jack Davies, Haydn Wilkins, Peter Goodfellow, Howard Norris, John Evans, John Nelson, Ian Robinson, Colin Howe, Tony Williams, Lloyd Williams and Stanley Bowes, thank you all, not only for your own special contributions, but for your tolerance of my own idiosyncracies and unstinting support for the maintenance of our standards and traditions.

The office staff under the control of Mr. Alf Heffell; Jackie, Anne and Julie, were quite magnificent. Always helpful, always efficient and always smiling — it's a pity they can't make decent coffee.

It was a revelation to me to realise that looking after the ground staff and the various pitches was only a sideline for Albert Francis. The fact that he does this to perfection should not hide the fact that he is even better at manipulating our manufacturers and sponsors into making splendid donations to anything connected with the playing side of the club. His help in these matters, and in the players fund-raising activities is immense.

There is a whole army of people connected with the club that help to make it tick, and give unstintingly of their time and expertise. The club doctors and physios deserve a special word of thanks for their constant attendance. Then what about Mr. and Mrs. Ted John who live in that little cottage in the forecourt of the club. Then there are the stewards, and the St. Albans Band, and Ken Jones and his merry men, and of course the best supporters of any rugby club in any country in the world. Thank you all. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

*CARDIFF FIRST XV 1985-86:*

Alan Phillips (captain).

*FULL PLAYING RECORD:*

Played 44 Won 33 Lost 10 Drawn 1 Points for 971  
Points against 574



## CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB (ATHLETIC XV)



*Back Row:* R. Beard, H. Norris, M. John, I. Robinson, A. D. S. Bowes, C. T. Howe, C. D. Williams, J. D. Nelson, L. Williams, J. Davies, W. H. Wilkins, G. Davies, P. T. Goodfellow, P. Nyhan.  
*Middle Row:* J. O'Brien, D. Wright, S. Blackmore, P. Crane, B. Rees, T. Charles, A. Moore, P. Lloyd, D. Conway, D. Evans, J. Souto, R. Hum, R. Ayres (*Physio.*), G. Samuel (*Coach*).  
*Front Row:* I. Greenslade, C. Jones, P. Rees, D. J. Hayward (*Chairman*), M. Hadley (*Captain*), A. J. Friday (*Hon. Secretary*), C. Webber, D. Barry, N. O'Brien.

### W.R.U. Cup:

1st Rd	v. South Glamorgan Institute (A) 25-16
2nd Rd	v. Pencoed (H) 24-3
3rd Rd	v. Neath Athletic (A) 22-0
4th Rd	v. Glamorgan Wanderers (H) 21-12
5th Rd	v. Bridgend (A) 17-9
Final	v. Newport (National Stadium) 28-21

### SEVENS TOURNAMENTS 1985-86

#### Aberaeron 7's:

Cardiff	v. Cwmllynfel 40-4
Cardiff	v. Tregaron 26-0
Cardiff	v. Brownhill B 6-22

#### Snelling 7's:

Cardiff	v. Glamorgan Wanderers 12-16
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#### C.H.S.O.B. 7's:

Cardiff	v. NHSOB 28-0
Cardiff	v. S.W. Police 16-4
Cardiff	v. Newbridge 20-6
Cardiff	v. Bridgend 6-29

### INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

Ian Eidman; Fiji, E,S,I,F.  
 Adrian Hadley; Fiji, E,S,I,F.  
 Terry Holmes; Fiji.  
 Robert Norster; Fiji.  
 Jeff Whitefoot; Fiji, E,S,I,F.  
 Paul Rees; F (Wales B)

### TOUR SELECTION:

Wales to Fiji, Tonga and W. Samoa, May 1986: Ian Eidman, Adrian Hadley, Robert Norster, Jeff Whitefoot.

Wales B to Italy, May 1986: G. Roberts (selected but withdrawn).

#### Highest Number of Appearances:

Alan Phillips 37; Adrian Hadley 35; Gareth Davies 34.

#### Highest Points Scorer:

Gareth Davies 340 points.

#### Highest Try Scorers:

Adrian Hadley 21, Gerald Cordle 15, Gareth Roberts 10.

#### First Team Cap:

Mike Rayer.

D.J. HAYWARD, Chairman, Cardiff Rugby Football Club.



## CARDIFF ATHLETIC XV SEASON 1985-86

CAPTAIN: Matthew Hadley.

### PLAYING RECORD:

P 44 W 36 L 7 D 1 Points for 1,112 Points against 534

Matthew Hadley was handed the responsibility of looking after the Rags. Not the easiest of tasks, since it involves bleeding newcomers to the club in our ways, and simultaneously maintaining a steady reservoir of capable players for the first team. His task was not made easier by the fact that he was the youngest player to captain the Rags for several years. However he coped most adequately and after an up and down season during which we appeared to suffer most at the hands of the leading English clubs reserve teams he eventually emerged triumphant, winning the Ushers cup for scoring the most tries in the Silver Ball competition and then the President's Cup by beating St. Peters, the winners of the Silver Ball trophy.

The season opened with two excellent wins over Bedwas and Neath Athletic — the latter by 44 pts. to 10 (the Firsts beat them 22-0 in the cup), and then in the space of five weeks they lost five games. This was during a period when the club had nineteen players unavailable for selection. From October 19th when they lost away to Rumney 4 pts. to 7 pts. until the last week in the season they lost only one game, to Ebbw Vale Athletic by 9 pts. to 13 pts. This defeat was amply revenged in the return game at Cardiff by 38 pts. to 0. The highlights of the season were a win at Berry Hill by 26 pts. to 21 pts., the two tours to Reading and to Wakefield, and of course the winning of the Ushers Trophy and the President's Cup. After the frozen period during February the team came back with a vengeance, scoring 210 points in March and 239 points in April, averaging 32 points a game against teams that included Abercynon, Pontypool Athletic, Newport Athletic, Blackwood and Resolven. They are still wondering most probably how they lost to Cardiff H.S.O.B. 20 pts. to 30 pts. to spoil a run that went back to the beginning of November. Nevertheless a splendid season and all tribute to the captain and his players.

*Highest Number of Appearances:* Matthew Hadley 37,  
Terry Charles 35.

*Highest Number of Points:* Chris Webber 140 points.

*Highest Try Scorers:* Ceri Jones 13, Matthew Hadley 10.

*Cardiff Athletic Caps:* Dean Conway, Peter Crane, Ian Greenslade, Alan Glasson, Carl Gupwell, Ceri Jones, Mark Rowley.

D.J. HAYWARD, Chairman, Cardiff Rugby Football Club.

## CARDIFF R.F.C. YOUTH REPORT 1985-86

As Mr. Evan Thomas, our erstwhile and erudite physiotherapist would say: "It's been a funny week." Well the same could be said of the whole season. We started with a promise with wins over Cross Keys away 17-16, hardly a soft first match of the season and Llanishen and Penarth. Then came an early setback at Sophia Gardens against Newport losing 20-29 much to Stan Bowes chagrin. Quote "Of all the ..... ! (each dot denotes a letter of course).

Good wins over Leicester (away) 25-12, Gloucester (home) 21-12 and Porthcawl (away) 18-16 were followed by mediocre drawn matches against St. Athans on New Years Day 6-6 and St. Peters on Sunday, 2nd April 15-15, below par performances to say the least. We also had a poor tour on the field of play where both matches were lost, Orrell 4-18 and West Park (St. Helens) 7-12.

We were having better fortunes in the Welsh Youth (Esso) Cup however with good away wins against Llanharan 22-9, Abercarn 11-3 and an outstanding success at the Arms Park against Pontypool United 28-3 in the semi-final.

Tuesday, 29th April, kick off 6.15 p.m. at the National Stadium was the big day, the final of the Welsh Youth (Esso) Cup against Llanelli. In the past two seasons the only match Llanelli Youth had lost was to Cardiff Youth in last year's cup final at the same venue. This year history was in reverse — the senior XV won the Schweppes Cup and the Youth lost the Esso Cup 19-3 with another poor performance by Cardiff Youth standards.

Some consolation for a disappointing season however was that we gained two international players. Michael Parry and David were both capped this season and played with distinction. Mike Parry has also won a place on the senior tour to Canada in the close season and we wish him well.

During the season Andy Moore (scrum half) and Ricky Rees (wing) assisted the youth and both were Welsh Secondary Schools caps. Andy and Ricky also played for the Athletic and caught the eye of senior selector on more than one occasion. Both these players seem destined for honours at senior level. To all four players we extend our congratulations on the honours bestowed upon them and the Cardiff rugby fraternity can look forward to seeing them in the future.

A vote of thanks too to Terry Short, Simon Rockett and Stuart Pritchard for their work as clubmen as well as ever faithful players.



All of our youth players will be hoping for senior recognition next season with the exception of just four who have another year with the youth, viz. Chris Greedy, Simon Baston, Eamonn John and Simon Collins.

My thanks are extended to the Cardiff R.F.C. Youth committee of John Davies, Howard Norris, Ian Robinson, chairman Stan Bowes and our two new recruits, John Nelson and John Evans. The latter two joined the youth with enthusiasm and interest and I am pleased to welcome them to the fold. Apologies for absence in our regular meetings were few and the general consensus of opinion — or policy pursued if you like — was that the younger prospect was to be seen in the Athletic XV whenever possible and not the older established player who has had his day.

I thank Mr. Dorri Williams for his efforts as coach and Mr. Evan Thomas as physio — apparently Evan is retiring again — no way! Thanks also to Jim O'Donnell and Colin Davies even though their contribution this season has been limited because of business commitments.

Albert Francis of course is ace! Thank you Albert for your untiring assistance to the Youth of Cardiff Rugby Club, not forgetting your help and assistance to me over the last eight seasons as secretary.

Many thanks to our loyal Supporters Club who are always ready and willing to do something for the youth and that means a lot.

I cannot finish without my final appreciation to Ann (without an 'e' of course), Julie and Jackie for their co-operative work and patience with the machinations and frustrations of youth. Chocolate biscuits and Jaffa Cakes do help occasionally.

*Captain:*  
Paul Evans.

*Playing Record:*  
P 28 W 20 L 6 D 2 Points for 589 Points against 259

*Player of the Year:*  
Michael Parry.

*Most Promising Player:*  
David Flint.

*Clubman of the Year:*  
Terry Short.

GARY DAVIES, Hon. Secretary, Cardiff R.F.C. (Youth).

## **Report of the Cardiff Rugby Supporters Club for the Year ending 30th April, 1986.**

As usual the first event of our 1985/86 season was the Annual Player of the Year Evening on June 27th to another 'Full House' at the Athletic Club. It was pleasing once again to have another good response from the players at this now very popular event. We were all delighted with the choice of Mark Ring as the Player of the Year and it was of course very gratifying to see Mark present on the evening to collect his awards after such a bad accident in April. Other awards were presented to Terry Holmes and Terry Charles as the respective Captains of the First XV and the Athletic XV while Howard Stone was awarded the 'Eight's Cup & Tie' as the Athletic XV Player of the Year.

A highlight of the evening was the special presentation to John Scott of an excellent portrait of himself to mark his four very successful years as Club Captain. The portrait, by Richard Hudson now hangs in the Members Lounge having been presented to the club by John.

After a quiet 'closed season' and in fact September, we were involved with two events in October, with a Racing Evening on the 4th and a Referee's Evening on the 18th. The latter being organised on behalf of the Association of Welsh Rugby Supporters Clubs and a most enjoyable and successful evening it proved to be. In November we held our first Trad Jazz evening and this too proved to be a good event while December saw the return of Frank Hennessey, the popular Cardiffian, for his second visit to the club.

On December the 7th during the 'halftime' of the home match with Swansea, we were pleased to present a special stretcher to the Rugby Club for use when suspected spinal injuries or an injury where the player cannot be moved, is diagnosed by the doctor. This is obviously a very useful asset to the club but let us hope that it may never be used.

After a rather quiet Christmas and January we resumed our social activities with a special Race Night in February in aid of the Youth Team's Tour Fund and we were pleased with the support and the results of our efforts.

Following the success of the first Trad Jazz evening another one was held in March but this was rather disappointing and it was left to Frank Hennessey in April to fill the Top Lounge at our final event of the session. All in all our social calendar had been quite successful but we have been approached by members to vary the programme for next year and this is being attended to by the new committee.



Our coach trips to away games were reasonably supported at the beginning of the season but the second half left a lot to be desired with many coaches only half full or less. It was felt that the long lay off in January and February had a big effect on the response to our trips although the January trip to Twickenham for the England v. Wales International was another resounding success.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman, Secretary and Committee of the Cardiff Athletic Club for their continual support and assistance during the past year. It has been greatly appreciated by our Officers and Committee. Finally the Officers and Committee extend a very sincere thank you to the club Steward and Stewardess for their kind co-operation throughout the past year.

KEN JONES  
Chairman, Supporters Club.

## RECORD OF RESULTS - SEASON 1985/86

### CARDIFF FIRST FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Result	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1985															
Sept. 2	Cross Keys .. ..	A	Won	3	2		2		32		2		1		11
4	Glamorgan Wanderers	A	Won	1	3		3		27	1	1				10
7	Bangor .. ..	A	Won	1			3		15				1		3
11	Bristol .. ..	H	Won	3	1	1	1		28						0
14	Neath .. ..	H	Won	2	3		2		30	4			1		27
18	Penarth .. ..	A	Won	3	4		1		37			1	1		6
21	Coventry .. ..	A	Won	1	2		2		20	1	1		1		13
28	Aberavon .. ..	H	Won	1	3		2		24	1			2		12
Oct. 2	Pontypridd .. ..	A	Won	2	2		4		32				1		3
5	Newport .. ..	A	Won	1	1		1		13		1		1		7
9	Bridgend .. ..	H	Lost	1	1		1		7		4				16
12	Fiji .. ..	H	Won	3	1		3		31	2			1		15
16	Pontypool .. ..	A	Lost				4		12	1	1		1		13
19	Wasps .. ..	H	Won	1	2		2		20	1			2		12
23	Bath .. ..	A	Lost		1		3		13	2	1				16
26	Harlequins .. ..	A	Won	4	2		2		38	1	1		2		16
30	Newbridge .. ..	H	Won	4	2		3		41	2			1		15
Nov. 2	Leicester .. ..	A	Won	1	2	1	1		20	2			1		15
6	Oxford University ..	H	Won	6	2				44		1		1		7
8	Ebbw Vale .. ..	H	Won	1	1		1		13	2					12
23	Llanelli .. ..	A	Lost				1		3	1	1		1		13
27	Maesteg .. ..	H	Won	2			1		15				1		3
30	S. W. Police .. ..	H	Won	4	2		2		38	1					6
Dec. 7	Swansea .. ..	H	Won		1		3		13	1			2		12
14	London Welsh .. ..	H	Won	2	1		2		22	1	2		1		17
26	Pontypridd .. ..	H	Won		1		2		10		1				4
28	Bridgend .. ..	H	Canc.												
1986															
Jan. 1	Bath .. ..	H	Won	2	3		2		30	2					12
4	Moseley .. ..	A	Won	1	1		1		13		1		1		7
11	Aberavon .. ..	A	Lost				1		3	3			2		24
18	London Welsh .. ..	A	Won	2	1		1		19				1		3
Feb. 8	Bristol .. ..	A	Canc.												
26	S. Glam. Institute ..	H	Canc.												
Mar. 5	Llanelli .. ..	H	Draw	1	1		2		16	2	1				16
15	Ebbw Vale .. ..	A	Lost	1	1	1	1		16	1	1	1	2		19
29	Barbarians .. ..	H	Lost	1	1		3		19	4					24
Apr. 2	Bridgend .. ..	A	Lost				1		3	3	3				30
5	Bedford .. ..	H	Won	8	5				68	4	1				28
11	Swansea .. ..	A	Lost	1	1				10	3	1		1		25
19	Neath .. ..	A	Lost	2					12	2	1		2		22
29	Pontypool .. ..	H	Won	4			1		27	1	1		3		19
	TOTALS			69	54	3	65	-	971	49	27	2	35	-	574



# Cardiff First Fifteen - (continued)

## W.R.U. Cup:

Opponents		H. or A.	Result	Score for					Score against						
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.
1st Round	S. Glam. Institute	A	Won	2	1		3		25	2	1				16
2nd Round	Pencoed .. ..	H	Won	1	3		2		24			1			3
3rd Round	Neath Athletic ..	A	Won	2	1		2		22						0
4th Round	Glamorgan Wanderers	H	Won	1		2	3		21	1			2		12
5th Round	Bridgend .. ..	A	Won	1	2		1		17			1	2		9
Cup Final	Newport .. ..	-	Won	3	1		2		28	3			1		21
TOTALS				10	8	2	13	-	137	6	1	2	5	-	61

## Seven-a-Side Tournaments:

### Snelling Sevens:

Lost in First Round to Glamorgan Wanderers 16-12

### Aberaeron Sevens:

Cardiff 40 - Cwmllynfel 4

Cardiff 26 - Tregaron 0

Cardiff 6 - Brownhill B 22

### C.H.S.O.B. Sevens:

Cardiff 28 - NHSOB 0

Cardiff 16 - S. W. Police 4

Cardiff 20 - Newbridge 6

Cardiff 6 - Bridgend 29

# CARDIFF ATHLETIC FIFTEEN

Date	Opponents	H. or A.	Result	Score for					Score against											
				G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.	G.	T.	DG	PG	MG	Pts.					
1985																				
Sept. 14	Bedwas .. ..	H	Won	1				1	9						0					
7	Neath Athletic ..	H	Won	6	2				44	1	1				10					
11	Bristol United ..	A	Lost						0				3		9					
14	Bath Athletic ..	A	Lost	1	2		1		17	2	1		2		22					
18	Llandaff .. ..	H	Won	2	1				16						0					
21	Coventry Extras ..	H	Lost	1		1		1	7	1	1				10					
25	Old Illydians ..	A	Won	3	1		1		25		1		1		7					
28	Pontypool United ..	A	Won	4	5		1		47				1		3					
Oct. 2	Cardiff & District ..	H	Won	5	3		1		42				2		6					
5	Newport United ..	H	Won	5	4				46	3			1		21					
10	Parammata .. ..	H	Lost	1					6		1		2		10					
16	Pontypool Athletic ..	H	Won	1	4				22		2				8					
19	Rumney .. ..	A	Lost	1					4		1		1		7					
23	Pyle .. ..	H	Won	3			2		18	2	1				16					
26	Trinant .. ..	H	Won	4	4				40	1			1		9					
30	Pontypridd Athletic	A	Won	1	3				18		3				12					
Nov. 2	Leicester Extras ..	H	Won	2	1		1	1	19	1	1		2		16					
6	Newport Saracens ..	A	Won			6		1	1	27		2		1	11					
8	Ebbw Vale Athletic	A	Lost				3	3	9	1	1			1	13					
16	Barry .. ..	H	Won	3	7		2	2	52			1	1		6					
23	Abercarn .. ..	H	Won	3	3		2		36		1		1		7					
30	Berry Hill .. ..	A	Won	3	2				26	3			1		21					
Dec. 7	Swansea Athletic ..	A	Won	3					18						0					
14	Risca .. ..	H	Won			3			12		1				4					
1986																				
Jan. 4	Moseley United ..	H	Draw			3			12	1			2		12					
11	Bridgend Sports ..	A	Won	1	4				22	2	2				20					
18	Reading .. ..	A	Won			4			16	3	1		1		28					
19	Abbey .. ..	A	Won	2	1		2		22	1				3	15					
25	Llanharan .. ..	H	Won	1	4				22	1	1				10					
Mar. 4	Abercynon .. ..	A	Won	4					24	1			1		9					
8	Pontypool Athletic ..	A	Won	3	6				42	3	2				26					
12	St. Peter's .. ..	H	Won	1	1		2		16						0					
15	Ebbw Vale Athletic ..	H	Won	5	2				38						0					
19	Pontypridd Athletic	H	Won	6	4				52						0					
21	Newport United ..	A	Won	2	2				20	2	1		1		19					
26	Maesteg .. ..	A	Won	1	3				18		2			1	11					
Apr. 5	Blackwood .. ..	A	Won	3	4				34	2	2				20					
9	Bedwas .. ..	A	Won	2	5				32	1	2		1		17					
12	Wakefield 2nd XV ..	A	Won	6	2				44	3	2				26					
13	Thornensians ..	A	Won	1	6				30		2		1		15					
15	Resolven .. ..	A	Won	2	4				28	2	1				16					
30	C.H.S.O.B. .. ..	A	Lost	2	2				20	2	3		2		30					
*	Kenfig Hill .. ..	H	Won	4	3		1		39	1	1		1		30					
May 6	St. Peter's .. ..	A	Won	2		1	2		21	1	1		2		16					
TOTALS									90	116	2	23	7	1112	43	39	2	38	0	534



# CARDIFF YOUTH FIFTEEN

Date		Opponents	H. or A.	Result	Score for	Score ag'nt
1985						
Sept.	2	Cross Keys	A	Won	17	16
	4	Llanishen	A	Won	18	0
	7	Penarth	H	Won	84	0
	11	Llandaff	H	Won	15	10
	14	Leicester	A	Won	25	12
	21	Llanishen	H	Won	44	6
	23	Gloucester	H	Won	21	12
Oct.	2	Caerphilly	A	Won	14	0
	5	Newport	H	Lost	20	29
	12	Nottingham	H	Won	31	17
	23	Glamorgan Wanderers	A	Won	10	6
Nov.	2	Porthcawl	A	Won	18	14
	30	Llanharan	A	Won	22	9
Dec.	21	St. Peter's	H	Won	31	10
	14	Caerphilly	H	Won	25	0
1986						
Jan.	1	St. Alban's	A	Draw	6	6
	11	Glanhowy	H	Won	26	6
	25	Nelson	H	Lost	11	12
Feb.	2	St. Peter's	A	Draw	15	15
	8	Abercarn	A	Won	11	3
Mar.	15	Swansea	H	Won	17	6
	29	S. Glam. Schools U19	H	Won	17	4
	31	Orrell	A	Lost	4	18
Apr.	1	West Park, St. Helens	A	Lost	7	12
	12	Pontypool United	H	Won	24	4
	19	Penarth	A	Won	42	0
	23	Cornelly	A	Lost	14	32
	29	Llanelli	A	Lost	19	3
		TOTALS			589	259

Played 28    Won 20    Lost 6    Drawn 2  
Points for 589    Points against 259

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