

## CARDIFF RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEASON 2001/2002

The 125th Season of the Club can be described as one of celebration and disappointment. The various events held during the year were a great success but our failure at the final hurdle in both League and Cup was disappointing.

The Season began with the arrival of a new Director of Rugby, Rudy Joubert, and a new competition, the Celtic League. Injuries to many senior players meant we started the Season with a very young side and defeats to Connacht, Neath and Munster put paid to any progress in the Celtic League despite an excellent home victory over Newport.

Away form at the beginning of the Season was not always what it could be and three away defeats in the European Cup meant, for the first time, we failed to qualify for the quarterfinals. Having failed to progress in both Celtic and European Competitions was disappointing and also led to a very fragmented season with breaks of 5 and 6 weeks which did little to help the continuity of the side's progress.

Returning to League action at Christmas, with two wins, a draw and a defeat at Ebbw Vale, was to prove costly later in the season.

Action in the Principality Cup began the second half of the season with a hard-earned victory over Aberavon landing us a home tie with "Old enemies Newport". A full house witnessed a pulsating Cup-Tie with us running out victors 20-14. The Semi Final defeat by Pontypridd, despite out-scoring them 3 tries to 1, was again disappointing when we seemed capable of winning the game.

The end of the Season brought a run of five games in fifteen days and left us wondering about the allocation of fixtures when we had had weeks without games earlier in the season. Defeats away at Swansea and home to Llanelli were to end our chances of League success. Whilst we finished the season without any silverware the progression of some of the younger players during the season leaves us with plenty of hope for the future.

Many of these young players had appeared during the season for the U21's and had produced some excellent performances. Two defeats in sixteen matches meant the League was won and only an 18-15 defeat to Neath prevented a League and Cup double for this outstanding side. The hard work of the Coaches, Mike Rayer and Howard Stone in the Cardiff Academy, will in the future pay dividends to the Club.

The Youth XV, under the guidance of Gerry Roberts and Huw Daniels, has had another outstanding season and retained the Welsh Cup for the third successive season. The hard work of Chairman, Jim O'Donnell, and his Committee has maintained the highest standards. The Academy's end of season tour to Poland will provide great experience for both U21 and Youth Players who took part. One victory and one defeat, at the end of a hard season, was a very creditable performance.

The Club's International Representation at all levels continues to grow and the Club is proud of their achievements. David Young captained the Club for the fourth season and we wish him well as he moves towards coaching and his experience will be invaluable to the Club. John Humphreys and Craig Quinnell have departed the Club during the summer and we wish them well in England. Craig has worked hard for the Club in the few seasons he has been with us and John has been a tremendous ambassador for our Club for more than a decade, during which time he captained Club and Country. On behalf of all Members, I wish them both well.

Robert Norster's arrival as Chief Executive has helped structure the Club and I wish Bob and his office staff every success for the future. Coach, Rudy Joubert, Assistant Coach, Geraint John, Fitness Coach, Huw Wiltshire, Analyst, Alun Carter, Physiotherapists, Mrs. Jane James and Hywel Griffiths, Masseur, Wayne Mortimer, Doctors, Roger Evans, Prof. John Williams, Mr. John Fairclough, Mr. Mike Fardy, Dr. Richard Evans, Dr. Jim Naysmith, Dr. Malcolm Snow, Mr. Geoff Graham and Optician, Frank Mahoney, Dentist Geoff Price and Media Officer, Alan Evans, are all responsible for the effective running of the team and we thank them all.

The Rugby Committee continues with its support of the Club and Teams of all levels and my thanks go to one and all, especially Hon. Secretary, Brian Bennett. Many thanks to Vicky McCracken and Jackie Flynn for their valuable work. The Management Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mervyn Warfield, continues as Landlords of the Rugby Club and a close working relationship is essential for the success of the Club.

The Board of Directors continues to support the running of a successful Club. To Brian Walker and his groundstaff and Karl Williams and bar staff many thanks.

The Lottery continues to raise monies for the development of rugby and special thanks to Kath and Ken Jones, Graham Kierle and Brian Bennett. The Supporters Club, under the Chairmanship of Simon Down, continues to grow and we thank him and his Committee for the tremendous support during the season. Capital Rugby goes from strength to strength and it is wonderful to see so many children taking to the field at pre-match tournaments. Long may it continue.

I would like to end by thanking all Members for their support during the past season. As I mentioned earlier the disruption of fixtures e.g. Friday night games, Saturday evening games, is frustrating for everyone and while we all hope for a more structured season the support of the Members is vital for the continued success of this great Club.

Cardiff Rugby Club looks forward to your loyal support next season.

Yours in Rugby  
ROBERT LAKIN

# 1st XV 2001 – 2002

			SCORE FOR					SCORE AGAINST					
DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A Res.	G	T	DG	PG	Pts	G	T	DG	PG	Pts	
Aug 18 (CL)	CONNACHT	H Lost				1	3				2	6	
24 (WS)(CL)	NEATH	A Lost	2				14	1		1	5	25	
29 (WS)(CL)	NEWPORT	H Won	2			2	20	2				14	
Sept 1 (WS)(CL)	CAERPHILLY	A Won	5	1		3	49	1	1		1	15	
11 (WS)(CL)	EDINBURGH	H Won	3	1		2	32	1	1	1	3	24	
15 (CL)	MUNSTER	A Lost	1			1	10	4	4		1	51	
22 (WS)	SWANSEA	H Won	2	1		2	25	1			2	13	
28 (E)	NORTHAMPTON	H Won	2	1		2	25	2			1	17	
Oct 6 (E)	MONTFERRAND	A Lost	1			1	10	3	2		2	37	
20 (WS)	LLANELLI	A Lost	2	1		2	25	1			7	28	
27 (E)	GLASGOW	H Won	5	1		2	46	1				7	
Nov 4 (E)	GLASGOW	A Lost	3	1		2	32	3	1		7	47	
24	CAMBRIDGE UNI	H Won	5	1			40		1		2	11	
Dec 15 (WS)	NEATH	H Won	1		1	2	16			2	2	12	
22 (WS)	BRIDGEND	A Drew	2	1		2	25	2	1		2	25	
26 (WS)	PONTYPRIDD	H Won	2	1		3	28	2			2	20	
29 (WS)	EBBW VALE	A Lost	2			2	20	1			5	22	
Jan 5 (E)	MONTFERRAND	H Won	2			4	26		1		5	20	
12 (E)	NORTHAMPTON	A Lost				5	15	2		1	3	26	
19 (WS)	GLASGOW	H Won	3	1		1	29				4	12	
Feb 9	RUMNEY	H Won	4	4			48	1				7	
23 (CUP)	ABERAVON	A Won	1	1		4	24	1		1	2	16	
Mar 9 (WS)	EBBW VALE	H Won	1	2		3	26	1			3	16	
16 (WS)	PONTYPRIDD	A Won	1	1		3	21				6	18	
29 (CUP)	NEWPORT	H Won	2			2	20		1		3	14	
Apr 13 (CUP)	PONTYPRIDD	MILL ST Lost	2	1		2	25	1			8	31	
17 (WS)	CAERPHILLY	H Won	3			2	27	1			3	16	
19 (WS)	EDINBURGH	A Lost	1			1	10	3	1		2	32	
26 (WS)	NEWPORT	A Won	2			1	17		1	1	2	14	
30 (WS)	GLASGOW	A Won		2		4	22	1			4	19	
May 4 (WS)	SWANSEA	A Lost	2			2	20	1	1		4	24	
7 (WS)	BRIDGEND	H Won	5			4	47	3			2	27	
10 (WS)	LLANELLI	H Lost	2	1		2	25	2	1		3	28	
Played 33	Won 20	Drew 1	Lost 12	71	23	1	69	822	42	17	7	98	694

# OTHER MATCH STATISTICS

	P	W	L	D	G	T	DG	PG	Pts	G	T	DG	PG	Pts
	Score For									Score Against				
WELSH SCOTTISH	20	13	6	1	43	13	1	43	498	24	7	5	62	404
EUROPE	6	3	3	0	13	3	–	16	154	11	4	1	18	154
CUP	3	2	1	0	5	2	–	8	69	2	1	1	13	61
FRIENDLY	2	2	0	0	9	5	–	–	88	1	1	–	2	18
CELTIC LEAGUE	6	3	3	0	13	2	–	9	128	9	6	2	12	135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>694</b>
Tries 94	Conversions 71									PG 69				
										DG 1				

## Points Scorers (822)

Iestyn Harris	199 (6T, 29C, 37PG)	Greg Woods	10
Nick Robinson	184 (6T, 32C, 29PG, 1DG)	Peter Rogers	10
Rhys Williams	75	Nick McLeod	8 (4c)
Craig Hudson	50	Dean Dewdney	7 (1T, 1C)
Anthony Sullivan	50	Emyr Lewis	5
Matt Allen	35	Ken Fourie	5
Jamie Robinson	30	Craig Quinnett	5
Robert Howley	20	Spencer John	5
Andrew Henry	20	Nick Walne	5
Neil Jenkins	19 (5c, 3PG)	Martyn Williams	5
Peter Muller	15	Liam Roberts	5
Gary Powell	10	Adam Jones	5
Ryan Powell	10	Francois Mounier	5
Semo Sititi	10	Jim Brownrigg	5
Jonathan Humphreys	10		

## Penalty Goals (69) Conversions (71) Drop Goals (1)

Iestyn Harris	37	Nick Robinson	32	Nick Robinson	1
Nick Robinson	29	Iestyn Harris	29		
Neil Jenkins	3	Neil Jenkins	5		
		Nick MacLeod	4		
		Dean Dewdney	1		



## Try Scorers (94)

Rhys Williams	15	Peter Muller	3	Spencer John	1
Craig Hudson	10	Jonathan Humphreys	2	Adam Jones	1
Anthony Sullivan	10	Gary Powell	2	Ken Fourie	1
Matt Allen	7	Ryan Powell	2	Emyr Lewis	1
Iestyn Harris	6	Peter Rogers	2	Francois Mounier	1
Jamie Robinson	6	Semo Sititi	2	Craig Quinell	1
Nick Robinson	6	Greg Woods	2	Liam Roberts	1
Andrew Henry	4	Jim Brownrigg	1	Nick Walne	1
Robert Howley	4	Dean Dewdney	1	Martyn Williams	1

## 2001-2002 Appearances including subs

* Rob Appleyard	30	(28+2)	Martyn Williams	15	(11+4)
* Matt Allen	30	(22+8)	Greg Woods	15	(6+9)
Rhys Williams	28	(27+1)	Francois Mounier	14	(11+3)
John Tait	27	(26+1)	Andrew Henry	13	(11+2)
Andrew Lewis	27	(13+14)	Robin Sowden-Taylor	12	(5+7)
Jamie Robinson	24	(21+3)	Luke Tait	10	(3+7)
* Nick Robinson	24	(20+4)	Dan McShane	7	(4+3)
* Anthony Sullivan	22		Nick Walne	6	(5+1)
Spencer John	22	(20+2)	Dan Baugh	6	(4+2)
Craig Quinell	22	(20+2)	Greg Kacala	6	(3+3)
Peter Muller	22	(19+3)	Paul Jones	6	(1+5)
* Peter Rogers	22	(11+11)	Andrew Booth	6	(4+2)
Emyr Lewis	21	(19+2)	Jim Brownrigg	3	(2+1)
* Adam Jones	20	(16+4)	Neil Jenkins	3	(1+2)
Jonathan Humphreys	20	(14+6)	Liam Roberts	3	(1+2)
David Young	20	(13+7)	Owain Ashman	2	(1+1)
* Gary Powell	20	(11+9)	Nick Wakeley	2	(1+1)
Iestyn Harris	18	(14+4)	Dean Dewdney	1	
Robert Howley	18	(13+5)	Matthew Griffin	1	
Ken Fourie	18	(11+7)	Nick MacLeod	1	
Craig Morgan	17		Scott Headington	1	(0+1)
Ryan Powell	17	(15+2)	James Malpas	1	(0+1)
Craig Hudson	15	(14+1)	Chris Miller	1	(0+1)
Semo Sititi	15	(12+3)			

\* denotes new cap

## Under-21 XV 2001 – 2002

				SCORE FOR					SCORE AGAINST				
DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Res.	G	T	DG	PG	Pts	G	T	DG	PG	Pts
Aug. 29	(L) CAERPHILLY	A	Won	3			3	30				1	3
Sep. 8	(L) SWANSEA	H	Lost	3	1	1		29	2	1	1	3	31
15	(L) LLANELLI	H	Won	2	1		1	22	1			2	13
22	(L) NEWPORT	A	Won	3			1	24				1	3
29	LLANTWIT MAJ	A	Won	7	3			64		1			5
Oct. 13	LLANDAFF	A	Won	5	6			65	1				7
20	(L) EBBW VALE	H	Won	1	1		3	21	1			1	10
31	(L) NEATH	A	Won	1	3			22	1			4	19
Nov. 16	(L) BRIDGEND	H	Won	4			1	31	1				7
28	(L) CAERPHILLY	H	Won	1	4		1	30		1			5
Dec. 15	(L) SWANSEA	A	Won	4	2		1	41	1	1		1	15
27	PENARTH	A	Won	4	4			48				1	3
Jan. 5	(L) LLANELLI	A	Lost		1		2	11		2		1	13
12	(L) NEWPORT	H	Won	2		1	3	26	1				7
17	(L) PONTYPRIDD	A	Won	3	1		1	29	1			2	13
Feb. 6	(L) EBBW VALE	A	Won	2			2	20	1			2	13
20	(L) NEATH	H	Won		4		1	23		1		1	8
Mar 2	EXETER	H	Won	6				42				2	6
13	(L) PONTYPRIDD	H	Won	1	2			17		1			5
27	(CUP) NEWPORT	H	Won	1	2		1	20		2		1	13
Apr. 12	(CUP) LLANELLI	H	Won	1			2	13				2	6
20	(L) BRIDGEND	A	Won	1	2	1	2	26	2			2	20
24	(CUP) NEATH	Brewer Field Lost		1	1		1	15	1	1		2	18
27	POLAND DEVELOPMENT XV	A	Lost	2	3			29	2	3	1	1	35
29	POLAND U20	A	Won	3	2			31	1	3			22
LEAGUE P 16 W 14 D 0 L 2				31	22	3	22	402	12	7	1	21	185
CUP P 3 W 2 D 0 L 1				3	3		4	48	1	3		5	37
FRIENDLY P 6 W 5 D 0 L 1				27	18			279	4	7	1	4	78
TOTALS P 25 W 21 D 0 L 4				61	43	3	26	729	17	17	2	30	300

Tries 104

Conversions 61

PG 26

DG 3

## Points Scorers (729)

Chris Anderson	120	(6T,27C,11PG,1DG)	Richard Jones	10	
Nick MacLeod	102	(27C, 15PG, 1DG)	Liam Roberts	10	
Owain Ashman	61	(10T, 4C, 1DG)	Tom Roberts	10	
Scott Headington	45		Darren Ryan	10	
Geraint Williams	45		Luke Tait	10	
Elgan Jones	30		Phil Wheeler	10	
Chris Stamatakis	30		Dean Watkins	6	(3C)
Huw Davidson	25		Rob Andrews	5	
Dan McShane	25		Jamie Hall	5	
Robin Sowden-Taylor	25		Khalid Jama	5	
Andrew Henry	20		Robert Lamb	5	
Michael Leaman	20		Marcus Leach	5	
Gareth Knight	15		Nathan Llewellyn	5	
Chris Miller	15		Rob Meredith	5	
Lee Mullane	15		Gary Powell	5	
Nick Wakeley	15		Jamie Turner	5	
Darren Fenton	10				

## Penalty Goals (26)      Conversions (61)      Drop Goals (3)

Nick MacLeod	15	Nick MacLeod	27	Nick MacLeod	1
Chris Anderson	11	Chris Anderson	27	Chris Anderson	1
		Owain Ashman	4	Owain Ashman	1
		Dean Watkins	3		

## Try Scorers (104)

Owain Ashman	10	Gareth Knight	3	Rob Andrews	1
Scott Headington	9	Chris Miller	3	Jamie Hall	1
Geraint Williams	9	Lee Mullane	3	Khalid Jama	1
Chris Anderson	6	Nick Wakeley	3	Robert Lamb	1
Elgan Jones	6	Darren Fenton	2	Marcus Leach	1
Chris Stamatakis	6	Richard Jones	2	Nathan Llewellyn	1
Huw Davidson	5	Liam Roberts	2	Rob Meredith	1
Dan McShane	5	Tom Roberts	2	Gary Powell	1
Robin Sowden-Taylor	5	Darren Ryan	2	Jamie Turner	1
Andrew Henry	4	Luke Tait	2		
Michael Leaman	4	Phil Wheeler	2		

## 2001-2002 Appearances including subs

Chris Stamatakis	24	(21+3)	Richard Jones	5	(4+1)
Owain Ashman	23		Gareth Knight	5	(3+2)
Geraint Williams	21	(20+1)	Rob Andrews	4	
Rob Meredith	17		Gary Powell	4	
Chris Miller	17	(15+2)	Matthew Griffin	4	(3+1)
Chris Anderson	17	(14+3)	Jamie Turner	4	(3+1)
Khalid Jama	17	(13+4)	Naz Saeed	4	(1+3)
Alan Davidson	17	(7+10)	James Goode	3	
Elgan Jones	16	(15+1)	Nick Hampson	3	
Nick MacLeod	16	(14+2)	Robert Lamb	3	
Darren Fenton	16	(10+6)	Nick Wakeley	3	
Luke Tait	15	(13+2)	Jamie Hall	3	(2+1)
Michael Leaman	15	(13+2)	Mark Devine	5	(3+2)
Tom Roberts	14	(10+4)	Ken Fourie	2	
Scott Headington	14	(8+6)	Jonathan Humphreys	2	
Darren Ryan	13	(11+2)	Greg Woods	2	
Dan McShane	12		Jeff Steele	2	(1+1)
Robin Sowden-Taylor	12	(10+2)	David Tame	2	(0+2)
Lee Mullane	12	(7+5)	Leon Andrews	1	
Liam Roberts	11	(10+1)	Ian Carter	1	
Darryl Wilson	11	(10+1)	Lewis Collins	1	
Nathan Llewellyn	10	(6+4)	Andrew Gardner	1	
David Evans	10	(3+7)	Emyr Lewis	1	
John Stringer	9	(8+1)	Ryan Powell	1	
John Yapp	9	(5+4)	Rob Saunders	1	
James Malpas	8	(7+1)	Dean Watkins	1	
Huw Davidson	8	(4+4)	Aled Williams	1	
Marcus Leach	5		James Huntley	1	(0+1)
Phil Wheeler	5		Tim Lloyd	1	(0+1)
Andrew Henry	5	(4+1)			



## YOUTH TEAM REPORT 2001-2002

In my first report as Youth team Secretary, the Cardiff Youth team won the Welsh Youth Cup, defeating Pontypool at the old National Stadium; in this, my last, the team repeated the victory, this time against Aberavon at the new Millennium Stadium to win the Cup for the tenth time in total and the third time consecutively, the only Youth team with such a record.

In the BT Dragons' Trust League Premier Division 1a, this season, they finished runners-up to Tonyrefail, a team they beat twice in the League but found themselves having four points deducted from their total for fielding ineligible players in the first two games. They were unable to complete their fixtures as the away game against London Welsh was postponed and an alternative date later in the season proved impossible to arrange.

Nonetheless, as runners up, they still progressed to the semi-finals of the Play-offs where they met Swansea, who defeated them and who then went on to lose, comprehensively, to Newport in the Final.

In these times of ever lengthening seasons, it now seems an age since the League season kicked off on the 1st September, with a home fixture against London Welsh which was played at the University complex at Llanrumney. This turned out to be a ten try extravaganza, with two tries from full back, Mathew Taylor and single tries for David Tame, Richard Jones, Lewis Collins, Gareth Knight, Marc Burge, Gareth Howard, Tim Brotherton and Lee Thomas. Nick MacLeod added a penalty and four conversions to give Cardiff a 61-5 winning margin. There followed, in quick succession, victories away against Merthyr 50-10 and Steelers, at Cardiff Arms Park by 39-7.

The League continued into October with a 17-9, hard fought victory against a physically smaller but very competitive Tonyrefail side. The end of October should have seen a fixture against Ystradgynlais but this was postponed and later they withdrew from the League.

The League, for Cardiff continued in December, with fixtures against Merthyr and Tonyrefail, both at home, resulting in two more victories, 47-10 against Merthyr and an extremely tight, in fact too tight for comfort, 13-12 against Tonyrefail.

The last League fixture was not played until 30th March and was against Steelers, away, at Eugene Cross Park. This resulted in the first League defeat by 20-3 which resulted in Cardiff filling the runners-up spot in Premier Division 1a. It also meant that they went straight into the semi-finals against Swansea instead of having to play Newport in a play off to reach the semi-finals.

This game was played at St. Helens Ground in glorious sunshine. The two teams scored a brace of tries apiece, but Swansea converted one of theirs and added a penalty goal to make the final score 17-10.

In terms of friendly games, these were represented by fixtures against Swansea in September, again in good weather, at St. Helens, which resulted in the first loss albeit

a close one by 20-15, a narrow win at the Arms Park against Glamorgan Wanderers and the narrowest of losses to Newport by 14 points to 13.

The away trip to Exeter just before the new year showed an 11 points to 3 victory whilst the boys put on a superb display in January, in appalling conditions to record a 41-5 victory against London Irish. The final friendly of the season was an away game against Bristol and this resulted in a good 29-5 win. Unfortunately, games which had been arranged against Leicester, Wasps, (2), Bath, Leeds Rhinos, the Saracens and the return game against Exeter were not able to be played.

The quest for the retention of the Welsh Cup started off away to Penclawdd where the hospitality extended easily exceeded the number of cockles in the estuary. The weather was not too clement and the team ground out a victory by 24-6, earning them an away tie against Vardre United. Again, the conditions were dreadful and the team did just enough to win by 14-10.

This earned them two consecutive home draws, firstly against Pontypool & United. This proved a nail biting experience for the supporters for having built up a 19-0 lead by half time and appeared to be cruising, they then proceeded to let Pontypool score 17 points back and spent the last quarter defending heroically.

It was back to Cardiff Arms Park for the semi-final against Newport and again the team built up a 25-5 lead by the second half, only to find Newport coming back with a vengeance scoring two tries, a penalty and a conversion without reply. It was not a game for the weak hearted with Cardiff forced to defend their line for the last ten minutes without respite, for the second consecutive game. This was undoubtedly their finest game of the season and took them through to the Final against Aberavon who had defeated Swansea in their semi-final.

This was a scrappy game with Cardiff leading by 16-15 by half time through a try from scrum half, Rob Saunders, converted by Dean Watkins and three Dean Watkins penalties. Aberavon replied with two tries, a penalty and a conversion.

The only scores of the second half resulted from what seemed to be Cardiff's only two excursions into the Aberavon half resulting in two further penalties to Dean Watkins.

The Cup was Cardiff's for the third year running. Cardiff are the first team to achieve this feat. Overall, it was their tenth Cup Final win in the thirty years of the competition in what was their thirteenth appearance in the Final.

The team was admirably led by Dean Watkins, who whether playing at full back or outside half always managed to keep the team going forward and kept the scoreboard ticking over with his kicks. In the powerhouse, locks Gareth Knight and James Goode were excellent, both in ball winning ability and handling skills.

In this day and age, however, with both Schools and Youth vying for effectively the same players, Youth teams are suffering from the loss through unavailability of the better players through what seems to be ever demanding calls from the Schools and from International squad sessions.

Such disruption did affect the coaches' ability to select the team of their choice, as did the unfortunate throughput of players in the team during the season with players leaving the squad for various reasons and having to be replaced by newcomers. In some games only three replacements were available and in one game, due to unavailability, there was a flanker at full back, a hooker in the centre and a second row forward on the wing.

In terms of International representation, David Tame, Lee Thomas, Nick MacLeod and James Malpas were selected to represent Wales in the under 19 World Cup and Schools honours went to Stephen Ireland, Lee Thomas, Ben Thompson, Ben Collins and Peter de Snyder. Rugby League caps went to John Breakingbury and Marc Burge before their respective departures from the squad.

Richard Jones, Nick MacLeod and James Malpas were de-registered as Youth players in order that they could play for the under 21 team but Nick was re-registered in time to play in the Cup Final.

I have, as always, to thank all those who have supported and encouraged the team throughout the year. My thanks especially go to Gerry Roberts and Hugh Daniels for a splendid job of coaching, to Youth Chairman, Jim O'Donnell and the committee, to Billy Woods for his untiring work in raising morale and funds, to Club Secretary, Brian Bennett for his assistance and support both on and off the field. To the supporters' Club for their efforts on behalf of the Youth, and, as always to Ken and Kath Jones and the Lottery. Finally, to Vicky, in the rugby office for her help and for her assistance over a period of many years.

To Karl Williams and his staff in the Clubhouse are due our gratitude as is Mike whose provision of meals and rolls for consumption at Llanrumney after matches was superb. Whilst the playing facilities at Llanrumney are excellent, it is simply not possible to entertain the opposing team and committee after the game because of the lack of licensed or indeed any other liquid facilities, other than a coin in the slot tea or soft drink machine. Too often, it seemed, last season because of our inability to take opposing teams back to our Clubhouse, entertainment was limited to a box of rolls in the Pavilion which, for a Club of Cardiff's stature was far from satisfactory.

As I leave the Secretaryship after eight happy years, I wish all the players Good Luck for their future, good health to the Committee who have supported me so well and prosperity to the greatest rugby Club in the world.

## RESULTS

P	W	D	L	Pts For	Pts Against
21	17	0	4	540	226

MICHAEL RYAN  
YOUTH TEAM SECRETARY  
June, 2002.