

RUGBY SECTION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2010/11.

This has been another very disappointing season in which we slipped to ninth place in the League table, two places lower than we did the previous season when we finished seventh. We failed to reach the play offs for the British and Irish cup and made little impact in the SWALEC Cup.

The Season, however, got off to a very good start, the team performed well in pre season friendlies and started the season with a big win over Carmarthen Quins and an away victory over Cross Keys. However this success was to be short lived with only three more victories up to the New Year.

The bottom line is that this return is not good enough by quite a long way for a club of Cardiff RFC's standing and there has to be a marked improvement in the future and this improvement needs to start next season.

Having made these points the season was not entirely all doom and gloom. Excellent victories were achieved over Carmarthen Quins and Newport while we managed to do the 'double' over Swansea. The real highlight of last season was the introduction of the younger players into the squad who all performed extremely well in a side that was not playing well. Having these talented young players in the squad for next season certainly augers well for the future of the club and is of great credit to the Blues Academy under Gethin Watts.

Just as the Academy players joined the RFC's ranks, several of the RFC's players turned out for the Blues. The list was headed by Tom Slater who spent three months of the season with the Blues, Tom was joined at the Blues at various times by Steve Taylor, Ian George, Nathan Trevett, Joe Griffin Harry Robinson and Thomas Young.

I would like to thank our coaching team of Richard Hodges, Howard Stone and Lee Jarvis for all their hard work throughout a long and difficult season. Richard Hughes continued his conditioning work with tremendous enthusiasm not only with the squad but also on one to one sessions with the players.

Dyfri Owen our physiotherapist has worked extremely hard throughout the season to keep the players in good condition especially with the demands of the modern game. We are all extremely grateful to Dyfri not only for the very professional manner with which he deals with the players injuries but also with the support he provides for the team week on week through out the year.

Gafyn Cooper and Keith Morgan our Team Manager and Rugby Administrator respectively have both worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the team. These are seven days a week jobs with little respite and it is to Gafyn and Keith's credit that everything runs so smoothly throughout the season.

Grant Harrington captained the team, leading from the front throughout the season on and off the pitch.

Rhys Shellard and Gareth Davies again represented the Welsh Sevens and this year were joined by Alex Cuthbert. MacCaulay Cook captained the Welsh under 20's and was joined in the side by Owen Williams, Thomas Young, Ieuan Davies, Will Griff-John, Joe Griffin and Harry Robinson.

Harry also represented the Welsh Under 18 team along with Ellis Jenkins and Tom Pascoe.

In addition Thomas Young was honoured to be selected for the Barbarians.

Gareth Davies passed the landmark of 100 games for Cardiff RFC

Scott Sneddon was top points scorer with 176 points and top try scorer was Richard Smith with 12.

Caps were gained by the following Steve Taylor, Scott Sneddon, Simon Grainger, Richard Smith, Grant Harrington, Ieuan Davies and Shaun Powell

Many thanks to Simon Down for attending the Principality League meetings in Aberavon and for being our statistician throughout the season. Steve Davies for attending East District meetings. John Huw Williams Vice Chairman for his continued support throughout the year. Also all other members of the Committee who continue to work hard for the benefit of the club.

A special mention needs to be made of Ian Tabor and Simon Down who have overseen the development of the new web site which is both innovative and informing.

The Supporters Club continues to be a vital and integral part of the club who can be relied upon not only to give tremendous support for the players on the pitch but to give help where ever it is needed from programme selling to arranging functions. Everyone at the club is extremely grateful for their efforts.

The grounds staff under Brian Walker continues to provide us with a superb playing surface that I am sure is the envy of most other clubs.

Karl Kruger and his staff who provide us with high quality fare throughout the year. Mike Salt and the kitchen staff for the high quality meals provided on match days. Peter Bruin, the doorman for doing a very difficult job, with a very helpful and positive manner.

The support from Peter Thomas and the Board of Directors continues to be of the highest order as does the support and advice from Bob Norster, Alan Doule and Dai Young.

Next season will see a change in playing personnel with a much greater emphasis on developing our talented younger players. These young players will be the 'stars' of the future and it will be exciting to watch them develop with the Blue & Blacks just as Jamie Roberts and Leigh Halfpenny did a couple of seasons ago.

Malcolm Childs
Chairman Cardiff RFC

CARDIFF BLUES PLAYING RECORD 2010- 2011

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Res	SCORES FOR					SCORES AGAINST				
				G	T	PG	DG	Pts	G	T	PG	DG	Pts
21/08/2010	EXETER (F)	A	WON	3	1			26	1	1	3		21
27/08/2010	NG DRAGONS (F)	H	WON	2	1			19			1		3
04/09/2010	EDINBURGH	H	WON	4		2		34	2		3		23
11/09/2010	LEINSTER	A	LOST	2		3		23	4		2		34
18/09/2010	NG DRAGONS	H	WON	4		5		43	1	1	3		21
24/09/2010	TREVISIO	A	WON	1		2	2	19	1				7
30/09/2010	CONNACHT	H	WON	1		4	1	22			2		6
09/10/2010	EDINBURGH (HC)	H	WON	1	1	2		18	2		1		17
15/10/2010	CASTRES (HC)	A	LOST	2		2		20	1	1	4	1	27
22/10/2010	LLANELLI SCARLETS	H	LOST	1		1		10	1		3		16
29/10/2010	AIRONI	A	WON	2		2		20			1		3
05/11/2010	BATH (LV)	A	LOST	1		4		19	2		4	1	29
12/11/2010	EXETER (LV)	H	DREW		1	6		23	2		3		23
21/11/2010	ULSTER	H	LOST	1	1	1		15	3	2	2		37
27/11/2010	GLASGOW	H	WON	3	1	4		38			2		6
04/12/2010	MUNSTER	A	LOST			3		9	1		3		16
11/12/2010	NORTHAMPTON (HC)	A	LOST			5		15	2		3		23
19/12/2010	NORTHAMPTON (HC)	H	LOST	1		3	1	19		1	6		23
30/12/2010	OSPREYS	H	WON	1	1	3	2	27	2	1	2		25
07/01/2011	AIRONI	H	WON	1	1	3	1	24	1		2		13
14/01/2011	CASTRES (HC)	H	WON		1	3		14			3		9
22/01/2011	EDINBURGH (HC)	A	WON			7		21		1	3		14
29/01/2011	OSPREYS (LV)	H	LOST	1				7	1	2	4		29
06/02/2011	HARLEQUINS (LV)	A	LOST	1				7	2		3		23
11/02/2011	GLASGOW	A	WON		1	7		26			5		15
19/02/2011	LEINSTER	H	WON		1	2		11			1		3
25/02/2011	ULSTER	A	LOST	1		2		13	3	1	2		32
05/03/2011	EDINBURGH	A	WON	1		3		16		1	2		11
26/03/2011	MUNSTER	H	LOST			4	1	15	1		3		16
02/04/2011	OSPREYS	A	DREW			5	2	21			5	2	21
15/04/2011	CONNACHT	A	WON	2		4		26			4		12
21/04/2011	TREVISIO	H	WON	2		5		29			3		9
29/04/2011	NG DRAGONS	A	LOST	1	1	1		15	2	1	2	1	28
06/05/2011	LLANELLI SCARLETS	A	LOST	2		2	1	23	3	1	4		38

	PL	W	D	L	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
LEAGUE	22	13	1	8	30	7	68	10	479	25	8	56	3	392
(HC) HEINEKEN CUP	6	3	0	3	4	2	22	1	107	5	3	20	1	113
(LV) LV CUP	4	0	1	3	3	1	10	-	56	7	2	14	1	104
(F) FRIENDLY	2	2	0	0	5	2	-	-	45	1	1	4	-	24
TOTAL	34	18	2	14	42	12	100	11	687	38	14	94	5	633

CARDIFF BLUES POINTS 2010 - 2011

	PTS	TR	PG	CON	DG
Dan Parks	214		48	20	10
Ceri Sweeney	109	2	22	15	1
Leigh Halfpenny	56	3	13	1	
Ben Blair	34	1	7	4	
Gareth Davies	34	1	9	1	
Tom James	25	5			
Casey Laulala	25	5			
Chris Czekaj	20	4			
Dan Fish	20	4			
Richard Mustoe	20	4			
Rhys Thomas	20	4			
Bradley Davies	15	3			
Xavier Rush	15	3			
Ma'ama Molitika	10	2			
Tom Shanklin	10	2			
Lloyd Williams	10	2			
Scott Andrews	5	1			
Tom Brown	5	1			
Gavin Evans	5	1			
Joe Griffin	5		1	1	
Dafydd Hewitt	5	1			
Michael Paterson	5	1			
Penalty Try	5	1			
Andries Pretorius	5	1			
Richard Rees	5	1			
Sam Warburton	5	1			
	687	54	100	42	11

CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2010-2011

	TOTAL	START	SUBS
Paul Tito	30	27	3
Ma'ama Molitika	27	19	8
Chris Czekaj	25	25	
Casey Laulala	25	25	
Xavier Rush	24	23	1
Taufaao Filise	24	20	4
Dafydd Hewitt	24	17	7
Tom James	22	20	2
Richard Mustoe	22	20	2
Scott Andrews	22	15	7
Ceri Sweeney	22	14	8

CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES
2010-2011 (continued)

	TOTAL	START	SUBS
Martyn Williams	21	19	2
Michael Paterson	20	12	8
Rhys Thomas	19	18	1
Dan Parks	19	17	2
Bradley Davies	19	16	3
Gareth Williams	19	12	7
John Yapp	19	12	7
Deiniol Jones	19	9	10
Andries Pretorius	18	13	5
Sam Hobbs	18	2	16
Leigh Halfpenny	16	15	1
Richard Rees	15	15	
San Warburton	15	10	5
Gavin Evans	14	9	5
Tom Slater	14	9	5
Dan Fish	13	11	2
Lloyd Williams	13	7	6
Rhys Williams	13	3	10
Gethin Jenkins	12	11	1
Tom Shanklin	12	11	1
Jamie Roberts	11	9	2
Tom Davies	9	8	1
Ben White	9	1	8
Tom Brown	7	6	1
Bryn Griffiths	7	5	2
James Down	6	4	2
Rhys Downes	6	2	4
Kristian Dacey	6	1	5
James Loxton	6	1	5
Ben Blair	5	5	
Gareth Davies	5	2	3
Josh Navidi	3	3	
Joe Griffin	3	1	2
Ian George	3		3
Nathan Trevett	3		3
Owen Williams	3		3
Luke Hamilton	2	2	
Macauley Cook	2	1	1
Gareth Cooper	2	1	1
Harry Robinson	2	1	1
Cory Hill	2		2
Thomas Young	2		2
Steve Taylor	1	1	
Kristian Baller	1		1
Will Griff John	1		1
Lewis Jones	1		1
Owen Sheppard	1		1
Lewis Smout	1		1
Lewis Williams	1		1

CARDIFF RFC PLAYING RECORD 2010 – 2011

	OPPONENTS	H/A	Result	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts
07/08/2010	BARGOED (F)	A	WON	11				77	1				7
20/08/2010	BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL (F)	H	WON	3	1	1		29	2	2	1		27
28/08/2010	CARMARTHEN QUINS	H	WON	6	2	2		61	1	1	2		18
04/09/2010	CROSS KEYS	A	WON	1	1	3		21			1	5	20
11/09/2010	LLANELLI	H	LOST		1	6		23	1	2	3		26
18/09/2010	BEDWAS	A	LOST	4		2		34	3	1	3		35
25/09/2010	ABERAVON	H	LOST	1	2	3		26	2	1	3		28
02/10/2010	PONTYPOOL	A	LOST	2		1		17	1			2	22
09/10/2010	NEATH	A	LOST	1		1		10	5		3		44
23/10/2010	PONTYPRIDD	A	DREW	1		3		16	1		2	1	16
30/10/2010	TONMAWR	A	DREW	1	1	6		30	3		3		30
05/11/2010	SWANSEA	H	WON	1	1	1		15		1	2		11
09/11/2010	NEATH	H	LOST	1		3		13	2		2		20
13/11/2010	LLANDOVERY	A	WON	1	1	4		24	1	1	3		21
20/11/2010	CROSS KEYS	H	LOST	2	1	2		25	4		2		34
04/12/2010	LLANELLI	A	LOST	1		3		16	1	2	5		32
30/12/2010	GLAMORGAN WDS	H	WON	3	1	1		29	1	2	2		23
03/01/2011	BEDWAS	H	LOST	1	1	3		21	1		4	1	22
08/01/2011	ABERAVON	A	LOST	2				14	3		2		27
18/01/2011	PONTYPOOL	H	WON	1	1	2	2	24			3	1	12
05/02/2011	BEDDAU (CUP)	A	WON	3	1	3		35	2	2	1		27
16/02/2011	GLAMORGAN WDS	A	WON	3	1	1		29	1		2		13
19/02/2011	BRIDGEND (CUP)	H	WON	3		3		30	2		2		20
26/02/2011	TONMAWR	H	WON		1	2		11	1				7
05/03/2011	RGC 1404	H	WON	2	3			29	3	1			26
19/03/2011	NEWPORT	H	WON	3	3	2		42	1		3		16
23/03/2011	PONTYPRIDD	H	LOST			2		6	2		1	1	20
26/03/2011	ABERAVON (CUP)	H	LOST	2		1		17		2	3		19
02/04/2011	LLANDOVERY	H	LOST	2	1	2		25	3	1			26
05/04/2011	CARMARTHEN QUINS	A	LOST	1		3	2	22	2		5		29
09/04/2011	NEWPORT	A	LOST	1	1	3		21	3		2		27
16/04/2011	SWANSEA	A	WON	4	1	1		36	3	2	1		34

	PL	W	D	L	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts
FRIENDLY (F)	2	2	0	0	14	1	1	-	106	3	2	1	-	34
CUP (C)	3	2	0	1	8	1	7	-	82	4	4	6	-	66
LEAGUE	27	12	2	13	46	24	62	4	640	49	16	66	6	639
TOTAL	32	16	2	14	68	26	70	4	828	56	22	73	6	739

CARDIFF RFC STATS 2010 – 2011

PLAYED 32 WON 16 DREW 2 LOST 14 PTS FOR 828 PTS AGST 739
 TRIES 94 PG 70 CONV 68 DG 4

POINTS		TRIES	PEN G	CONV	DG
176	Scott Sneddon	1	36	30	1
149	Gareth Davies	4	26	24	1
60	Richard Smith	12			
47	Steve Taylor	9		1	
45	Joseff Griffin	2	5	10	
33	Darren Ryan	6			1
30	Rhys Shellard	6			
25	Matthew John	5			
20	Nathan Rees	4			
20	Owen Williams	4			
15	Grant Harrington	3			
15	Lee Jarvis		3	3	
15	James Lewis	3			
15	Jimmy Norris	3			
15	Ben Phillips	3			
13	Owen Ruttley	2			1
10	Kris Barry	2			
10	Alex Cuthbert	2			
10	Dan Godfrey	2			
10	Ellis Jenkins	2			
10	James Loxton	2			
10	Penalty Try	2			
5	Chris Bundy	1			
5	Macauley Cook	1			
5	Rhys Dyer	1			
5	Craig Everett	1			
5	Ian George	1			
5	Simon Grainger	1			
5	Shaun Hopkins	1			
5	Dan Matthews	1			
5	Dan Partridge	1			
5	Shaun Powell	1			
5	Jamie Ringer	1			
5	Harry Robinson	1			
5	Tom Slater	1			
5	Nathan Trevett	1			
5	Thomas Young	1			
828		94	70	68	4

CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCES 2010-2011

TOTAL		STARTS	SUBS	NEW CAP
28	Steve Taylor	27	1	
28	Darren Ryan	20	8	
28	Ian George	20	8	
26	Scott Sneddon	18	8	
25	Simon Grainger	23	2	
25	Dan Godfrey	20	5	
23	Richard Smith	22	1	
23	Ieuan Davies	11	12	
22	Grant Harrington	20	2	
22	Kristian Gay	17	5	
21	Jamie Ringer	14	7	
21	Nathan Trevett	11	10	
20	Shaun Powell	14	6	
19	Matthew John	14	5	
19	Owen Ruttlely	10	9	
18	Rhys James	13	5	
18	Kris Barry	12	6	
18	Rhys Shellard	17	1	
18	Rhys Dyer	7	11	
17	Chris Bundy	12	5	
17	Dan Matthews	10	7	
16	Craig Everett	9	7	
15	Dan Preece	1	14	
15	Ben Phillips	7	8	
14	Tom Slater	12	2	
14	Dan Partridge	10	4	
14	Thomas Young	9	5	
13	Gareth Davies	11	2	
13	Jimmy Norris	9	4	
13	Nathan Rees	9	4	
12	James Loxton	10	2	
11	Joseff Griffin	5	6	
9	Ryan Howells	7	2	
9	James Corsi	4	5	
8	James Lewis	6	2	
7	Shaun Hopkins	3	4	

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