

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2013-2014

Everybody involved with Cardiff Rugby Football Club, Committee, players and especially supporters hope that the great rugby tradition will be rejuvenated and restored next season with pride and determination shown to the famous Blue and Black jersey.

To finish 7th in the Principality Premiership league is well below our expected standard with relegation now in being, all clubs are mindful of this WRU arrangement for the future. Notable plus sides of our season were doubles over the following teams, Aberavon, Bedwas, Newport and Swansea. But we were only successful in gaining victory in one team above us in the league and that was Bedwas.

Season 2013-2014 was also a difficult season in the coaching department. Martyn Fowler and Mark Ring moved on from their roles and I as Chairman thank them both for their work during their coaching capacity.

In their place Simon King and Adam Rosser have been appointed to coach the RFC until May 2015. Also in the coaching team Richard Hodges, Jamie Ringer and Richard Hughes our conditioning guru, and may I personally thank them all for their preparation during the season which was always of an exceptionally high standard. Iestyn Williams and Chris Collins have been outstanding team managers and my thanks to both of them.

Jonathan Edwards captained the team and, created and demonstrated a high degree of leadership both on and off the field. He led his team with enthusiasm and his experience was a great advantage to our young team. Due to an unfortunate injury sustained at Swansea, Jonathan missed the last few games of the season and we certainly missed his guidance and direction during that time.

My Rugby Committee has been restructured and certain roles have been created. Two sections have been introduced a) Heritage Committee b) Rugby Steering Group. May I thank all the members of the committee who have undertaken their duties during the season. The Premier League meetings have been attended by Simon Down and Clive Davies. The East District Meetings attended by Steve Davies and Brian Bennett. Keith Morgan, my Vice Chairman has been a tower of strength throughout the season to me and has responsibility for all finances of the RFC. My thanks also to Jill Parker for her secretary's work and enthusiasm and support for the RFC's lottery.

A new half time entertainment this season has been TAG rugby for the junior club sides and schools. My thanks to Chris Norman for his organisation and his match sponsorship arrangements.

The name Bryan Walker is most renowned with Cardiff Arms Park. Bryan has been involved with the playing area since the early 1970's and finally has now retired from his position as head Groundsman. My sincere thanks to Bryan for his loyal work and also to Matt Jones for the impressive work over the past year.

Promotion and encouragement has been shown by the supporters section of the

Club in selling programmes, help on match days and at times travelling away to games. They also expect and desire far better performances next season from the team and players who wear the jersey.

Season 2013-14 started with the British and Irish Cup with an away game at Pontypridd. A very narrow loss by 19pts to 22pts which left us out of the competition. Due to no official WRU Premiership fixtures in January, matches were arranged with local district clubs which were significant benefit to our players and coaches.

Our Premiership League is a vital process for the development of skills, fitness etc. of the players to join the region, and then move hopefully to our national squad. Players such as James Loxton, Ethan Lewis, Miles Normanton, Ben Roach, Callum Lewis and Thomas Pascoe to name a few, must make an impression to break through into the Blues regional team and perform at the elite level which is essential for the game and we at the RFC are proud to encourage and nurture.

Examples of players who have passed through our hands in the last few seasons include Rhys Patchell, Harry Robinson, Cory Allen, McCauley Cook and Dan Fish who are now regulars with the Regional team.

I would also like to thank Karl Kruger Williams, Mike Salt, Lisa Petersen, Ian Richards and Rhiannon Loxton and their staff who have provided a great service to all the players, committee and supporters during the season. Peter Thomas and his directors Richard Holland, Peter Ghattas and Paul Bailey are close supporters of the RFC. Thanks also to Abbie Gibbins and Cathy Selio for their administration work behind the scenes.

The new artificial surface recently installed holds no excuses not to play running rugby in the future matches at the Arms Park. The local community have benefitted from this facility and it is used greatly by district rugby and football clubs.

Eight players were awarded their first team caps in the past season, James Loxton, Jack Maynard, Ryan Harford, Nick White, Mike Stephens, Sam Feehan, Miles Normanton and Luke Hamilton.

Dyfrig Owen and his team of physiotherapists have again worked tirelessly with the players during the season. I also wish to thank his team for taking over when Dyfrig was called away from his rugby duties. Last, but by no means least, thanks are due to our doctors for their support and expertise.

Four players have represented Wales -20 in the season, Ben Roach, Ethan Lewis, James Sheeky and Callum Lewis, my congratulations to them.

May I in conclusion end by thanking all the members for their support during the season. Again, it has not been the most memorable season in the Clubs history, and I hope that lessons have been learnt to improve matters both on and off the field for the next season.

I look forward to seeing you all at the BT Sport Cardiff Arms Park in September.

John Huw Williams

Chairman – Cardiff RFC

# CARDIFF RFC PLAYING RECORD 2013 – 2014

OPPONENTS				H/A	Result	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts
17/08/2013	FISHGUARD (F)	A	WON			8	1			61					0
24/08/2013	ESHER (F)	A	LOST			1		1		10	3		1		24
31/08/2013	BARGOED (F)	H	WON			5		2		41		1	1		8
07/09/2013	PONTYPRIDD (BIC)	A	LOST			1		4		19	2	1	1		22
15/09/2013	LLANDOVERY	A	LOST			1		1		10	2				14
21/09/2013	BEDWAS	A	WON			1	1	5		27			3		9
28/09/2013	ABERAVON	A	WON			3	1	1		29	2		1		17
05/10/2013	NEATH	A	WON			2	1	2	1	28	3	1			26
12/10/2013	NEWPORT	H	WON			1	5			32	1	2			17
27/10/2013	SWANSEA	H	WON			5	1	1		43	1	1	2		18
02/11/2013	CARM'THEN QUINS	H	LOST			1				7	2	1	1		22
23/11/2013	ABERAVON	H	WON			1		2		13			1		3
29/11/2013	CROSS KEYS	H	LOST			1		1		10	3	1	3	1	38
03/12/2013	LLANELLI	A	LOST			3		1		24	5	1	1		43
14/12/2013	NEWPORT	A	WON			3				21		1	2		11
21/12/2013	CARM'THEN QUINS	A	LOST				1	1		8	2	1	2		25
26/12/2013	PONTYPRIDD	A	LOST				1	1		8	2	1	2		25
04/01/2014	BRIDGEND	A	LOST				1			5	3	1			26
15/02/2014	NEWBRIDGE (CUP)	H	WON			3		3		30			1		3
22/02/2014	NEATH	H	LOST			2		1		17	2		2		20
01/03/2014	SWANSEA	A	WON			1	1	2		18	2				14
08/03/2014	BRIDGEND	H	WON			3		2		27	1	1	3		21
14/03/2014	CROSS KEYS	A	LOST			1		2		13	4	1	4		45
22/03/2014	CROSS KEYS (CUP)	H	LOST			1		1		10	1		6		25
29/03/2014	LLANDOVERY	H	LOST			1				7	4	2	2		44
05/04/2014	LLANELLI	H	LOST			1	1	4		24	2	1	4		31
19/04/2014	PONTYPRIDD	H	LOST				2	1		13	1	3	3		31
26/04/2014	BEDWAS	H	WON			3	2	5		46		4	1		23
						<b>53</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>605</b>

	PL	W	D	L	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts	GL	TR	PG	DG	Pts
FRIENDLY (F)	3	2	0	1	14	1	3	-	112	3	1	2	-	32
CUP (C)	2	1	0	1	4	-	4	-	40	1	-	7	-	28
BIC CUP (BIC)	1	0	0	1	1	-	4	-	19	2	1	1	-	22
LEAGUE	22	10	0	12	34	18	33	1	430	42	23	37	1	523
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>605</b>

POINTS			TRIES	PEN G	CONV	DG
114	THOMAS	CEIRON	1	19	26	
68	GUNTER	DEAN	1	15	9	
64	MAYNARD	JACK		9	17	1
40	LOXTON	JAMES	8			
35	FISH	DAN	7			
20	HAMILTON	LUKE	4			
20	POWELL	SHAUN	4			
20	SLATER	TOM	4			
20	STEPHENS	MIKE	4			
20	UHI	SAIPOLU	4			
18	FORD	LUKE	3	1		
15	EDWARDS	JONATHAN	3			
15	FEEHAN	SAM	3			
15	JONES	STEFFAN	3			
15	ROACH	BEN	3			
15	WHITE	NICK	3			
10	PHILLIPS	JACK	2			
10	SMOUT	LEWIS	2			
10	WILLIAMS	TOM	2			
5	COOK	MACAULEY	1			
5	CRUMP	LEON	1			
5	FOWLER	AARON	1			
5	HARFORD	RYAN	1			
5	HEWITT	DAFYDD	1			
5	LEWIS	ETHAN	1			
5	NORMANDALE	MILES	1			
5	SHEEKEY	JAMES	1			
5	SMITH	RICHARD	1			
5	THOMAS	WILL	1			
5	WATTS-JONES	RORY	1			
2	GRIFFIN	JOE		1		
<b>601</b>			<b>72</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1</b>

# CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCES 2013-2014

TOTAL		STARTS	SUBS
28	SMOUT LEWIS	21	7
26	FOWLER AARON	16	10
24	LOXTON JAMES	21	3
23	MAYNARD JACK	10	13
22	MURPHY JAMES	20	2
22	HARFORD RYAN	18	4
22	WHITE NICK	10	12
21	SLATER TOM	19	2
21	STEPHENS MIKE	17	4
20	FEEHAN SAM	10	10
19	EDWARDS JONATHAN	17	2
18	LEWIS ETHAN	9	9
18	LUCAS GARYN	7	11
17	NORMANDEALE MILES	16	1
16	PASCOE TOM	15	1
16	POWELL SHAUN	13	3
16	THOMAS CEIRON*	13	3
15	HAMILTON LUKE	13	2
14	FORD LUKE	12	2
12	GRIFFIN JOE	11	1
12	ROACH BEN	7	5
12	JAMES RHYS	3	9
11	LEE ALWYN	8	3
10	RYAN DARREN	5	5
10	ELLIOT LLOYD	4	6
10	CRUMP LEON	3	7
9	JENKINS ELLIS	7	2
9	PARTRIDGE DAN	3	6
9	REES ALUN	3	6
8	SHEEKEY JAMES	5	3
7	DAVIES THOMAS	4	3
7	LEWIS CALLUM	3	4
7	RINGER JAMIE	3	4

TOTAL		STARTS	SUBS
6	FISH DAN	6	
6	GUNTER DEAN	6	
6	PHILLIPS JACK	6	
6	WILLIAMS TOM	6	
6	LODGE CRAIG	5	1
6	UHI SAIPOLU	5	1
6	THOMAS WILL	4	2
5	SMITH RICHARD	5	
5	WATTS-JONES RORY	5	
5	LEE GEORGE	2	3
4	DOWN JAMES	4	
4	REES-HOLE WILLIAM	4	
4	SMYTH OLLIE	2	2
3	PHILLIPS IWAN	3	
3	MARLEY MATTHEW	2	1
3	BAIRD WILL	1	2
3	WALKER ALEX	1	2
3	WHITTINGHAM JAMES		3
2	COOK MACAULEY	2	
2	LEE RYAN	2	
2	CHATWIN BRETT		2
2	ELLIOT AARON		2
2	JONES STEFFAN		2
1	ALLEN CORY	1	
1	CRACKNELL OLLIE	1	
1	HEWITT DAFYDD	1	
1	BOURRUST BENOIT		1
1	JONES JOE		1
1	LEWIS ROB		1
1	O'FLAHERTY TOM		1
1	PHILLIPS BRYN		1
1	REES ALED		1
1	WALTERS GARETH		1
615		420	195

\* INCLUDES 15 GAMES FOR RFC AND OVER 5 GAMES FOR BLUES

# CARDIFF BLUES PLAYING RECORD 2013 – 2014

				SCORES FOR					SCORES AGAINST				
DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Res	G	T	PG	DG	Pts	G	T	PG	DG	Pts
17/08/2013	WORCESTER (F)	A	WON	1	1	3		21		1	4		17
23/08/2013	SALE (F)	H	WON	4	1	3	1	45	3		1		24
06/09/2013	GLASGOW	A	LOST			4	1	15	1		5		22
13/09/2013	CONNACHT	H	WON			6	1	21	1		1		10
20/09/2013	ZEBRE	H	LOST	1		6		25	3		2	1	30
27/09/2013	LEINSTER	A	LOST	2		2		20	4		2		34
06/10/2013	EDINBURGH	H	WON	2		5		29			4		12
13/10/2013	EXETER (HC)	A	LOST	3	1	1		29	4	2	2		44
19/10/2013	TOULON (HC)	H	WON	1		4		19			5		15
25/10/2013	ULSTER	A	LOST	1	1	3		21	1	4	4		39
02/11/2013	TREVISO	H	WON	2		1		17	1		2		13
08/11/2013	WORCESTER (LV)	H	LOST	1		3		16	3				21
15/11/2013	OSPREYS (LV)	A	WON	1	1	2	1	21	1		2		13
23/11/2013	MUNSTER	H	LOST	1		1		10	4		1		31
30/11/2013	TREVISO	A	DREW	2		4		26	2		4		26
06/12/2013	GLASGOW (HC)	H	WON	2		5		29	2		2		20
13/12/2013	GLASGOW (HC)	A	WON			3		9	1				7
20/12/2013	OSPREYS	H	LOST	1		4		19	1		4	1	22
26/12/2013	DRAGONS	A	LOST	1		3		16	1		5		22
01/01/2014	DRAGONS	H	WON			6	1	21	1		2		13
11/01/2014	TOULON (HC)	A	LOST	2		2		20	4		5		43
18/01/2014	EXETER (HC)	H	LOST	1		2		13	1		4		19
25/01/2014	BATH (LV)	A	LOST	1		2		13	2	2			24
31/01/2014	HARLEQUINS (LV)	H	WON	5				35		1			5
08/02/2014	MUNSTER	A	LOST	1		2		13	6		4		54
15/02/2014	GLASGOW	H	LOST	2		2		20	3		2		27
20/02/2014	LEINSTER	H	LOST	2	1	1		22	4		2		34
01/03/2014	ZEBRE	A	LOST	1		1		10	1	1	1		15
21/03/2014	OSPREYS	A	LOST			3		9	3	2	1		34
29/03/2014	ULSTER	H	WON	1		7		28		1	6		23
11/04/2014	EDINBURGH	A	WON	3	1	1		29	2	1	1		22
20/04/2014	SCARLETS	H	WON		1	4		17		2	1		13
03/05/2014	CONNACHT	A	WON	2	1	1		22	1	1	1		15
10/05/2014	SCARLETS	A	LOST	1	1	1		15	3		2		27
				48	10	98	5	695	64	18	82	2	790

	PL	W	D	L	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
LEAGUE	22	8	1	13	-	6	68	3	425	-	-	-	2	538
(HC) EUROPE	6	3	0	3	9	1	17	-	119	-	2	-	-	148
(LV) LV CUP	4	2	0	2	8	1	7	1	85	6	3	2	-	63
(F) FRIENDLY	2	2	0	0	5	2	6	1	66	3	1	5	-	41
TOTAL	34	15	1	18	-	-	98	5	695	-	-	-	2	790

# CARDIFF BLUES POINTS 2013 - 2014

	TR	PG	CON	DG	PTS
HALFPENNY LEIGH		42	16		158
DAVIES GARETH	2	33	14	1	140
PATCHELL RHYS	1	15	6	3	71
HUMBERSTONE SIMON		8	12	1	51
CUTHBERT ALEX	7				35
DACEY KRISTIAN	6				30
COPELAND ROBIN	5				25
FISH DAN	5				25
COOK MACAULEY	3				15
HEWITT DAFYDD	3				15
PAULO FILO	3				15
WILLIAMS OWEN	3				15
WILLIAMS TOM	3				15
ALLEN CORY	2				10
HOBBS SAM	2				10
JONES LEWIS	2				10
PENALTY TRY	2				10
SMITH RICHARD	2				10
WILLIAMS LLOYD	2				10
BREEZE MARK	1				5
CZEKAJ CHRIS	1				5
EVANS GAVIN	1				5
ROBINSON HARRY	1				5
YOUNG THOMAS	1				5
	<b>58</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>695</b>

# CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2012-2013

	TOTAL	START	SUBS
COPELAND ROBIN	31	26	5
PAULO FILO	30	29	1
DAVIES GARETH	28	18	10
JONES LEWIS	28	14	14
HEWITT DAFYDD	27	19	8
WILLIAMS LLOYD	27	19	8
COOK MACAULEY	26	23	3
HOBBS SAM	25	15	10
NAVIDI JOSH	24	21	3
DACEY KRISTIAN	24	15	9
ROBINSON HARRY	22	20	2
FISH DAN	22	18	4
FILISE TAUFAAO	21	17	4
ANDREWS SCOTT	21	9	12
CUTHBERT ALEX	19	19	
EVANS GAVIN	19	13	6
BOURRUST BENOIT	18	11	7
CZEKAJ CHRIS	17	16	1
SMITH RICHARD	17	14	3
JENKINS ELLIS	17	9	8
DOWN JAMES	15	8	7
WATTS-JONES RORY	15	7	8
DAVIES THOMAS	15	4	11
PATCHELL RHYS	14	12	2
WILLIAMS TOM	14	9	5
HALFPENNY LEIGH	13	13	
JENKINS GETHIN	13	12	1
REES MATTHEW	13	10	3
DICOMIDIS CHRIS	13	9	4
BREEZE MARK	13	5	8
HAMILTON LUKE	13	3	10
DAVIES BRADLEY	12	11	1
ALLEN CORY	12	10	2
REED LOU	12	5	7
WILLIAMS RHYS	12	4	8
WILLIAMS OWEN	11	10	1
PRETORIUS ANDRIES	11	9	2
HUMBERSTONE SIMON	10	5	5
TUIFUA ISAIA	9	6	3
WARBURTON SAM	6	6	
YOUNG THOMAS	5	3	2
NORMANDALE MILES	4	1	3
JENKINS OWEN	3	2	1
WALKER ALEX	2	1	1
PALMER PATRICK	2		2
WILLIAMS TOMOS	2		2
LEWIS CALLUM	1		1
ROACH BEN	1		1
SMOUT LEWIS	1		1
	<b>730</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>220</b>