

CARDIFF RFC CHAIRMAN'S END OF SEASON REPORT 2016/17

As we celebrate our 140th Year, this season has been filled with mixed emotions and missed opportunities. We have had to deal with the heartache of the last few minutes against Ebbw vale, missing out from reaching Tier 1. The frustration of intermittent rugby games from the January period onward. But also the **VERY** positive end to the season, winning two games with bonus points away from home. The premiership in season 2017/18 will alter, East/West divisions of 8 teams, will secure 29 games including a host of local derby's, which will surely improve the enjoyment for players and fans alike.

While we look forward to the Anniversary dinner, celebrating successes of the past now is the time to focus on the present, the need to work harder, to create a better structure that will lead to successes in the future.

We are very much aware of the Blues/WRU discussion, the choosing of the right path for the Capital Region, but also the need to focus and dedicate all out efforts on the right path for your Capital Club.

The strategy that was employed for our playing squad unfortunately did not work, albeit we are still kicking ourselves for the losses to Swansea & Neath, regardless on what team was fielded.

We are aware that the Premiership is predominantly created, to prepare promising players a pathway to Regional rugby & hopefully our National team, but a mixture of ingredients is a requirement for any team to hold its own in this highly competitive league.

Congratulations on the following players receiving their caps, namely Ben Leung, Jordan Viggers, James Beal, Jack Davies, Luke Crocker & Gareth Thompson. To cap off a very productive season Gareth Thompson was top try point's scorer with 10 tries & 202 points.

The player with most appearances was Ben Thomas, who played in 27 games, we wish him well with his new club, as he leaves us this season. Good luck Ben. Also the following players receiving their 100 game blazers are James Murphy, James Down & Jonathan Edwards, who as a captain and player has been a tremendous leader throughout his time with Cardiff RFC, is retiring from the game. Many thanks to our head coach, Duane Goodfield and his coaching team, Adam Rosser, Mark Breeze, Richard Walters and Our Team manager, Iestyn Williams, for their efforts in what has been a difficult year. As we have appointed a new head Coach, due to Duane's circumstances with the Blues, a new support coaching staff has also been appointed, therefore leaving the loss of Adam & Mark, but massive praise for their absolute dedication & contribution.

Dyfri Owen and his team of physiotherapists make a continued contribution to

the well being of the players on & off the pitch. Our thanks also to our dedicated team of doctors.

Many thanks to Abbie Gibbins for her expertise in administration work for the RFC. Also to Jamie Muir, Ian Richards and Rhiannon Loxton for their contribution on pre-planning match days.

Our Licensee Karl Kruger Williams & his bar staff have always shown support, whether training nights or match days, their continued interest in our scores is greatly appreciated.

May I also thank Mike Salt and Spiro and his team for their attention to the needs of the players.

Head grounds man Matt Jones continues to maintain our well utilised artificial playing surface to a high standard, but also his unwavering support during our games either home or away.

May I thank committee members for their contributions this past season. Adrian Hadley, John Huw Williams for their input to the Executive Committee, Chris Collins for attending Premier League meetings, Brian Bennett and Mark Wakeham for attending East District meetings. Clive Davies for his work on the 140th Anniversary Dinner and Jill Parker a most conscientious secretary as well as looking after the ever more important social media work of the RFC.

Ian Tabor & daughter Ellie for match day PA, our website and production of our match day programme.

Dave Perkins selling our programmes on match day, a brilliant volunteer, of which we need more of.

Thanks to Paul Maddocks for his assistance on the golf day, Rugby Business Club and the sponsorship of the RFC.

A special mention to Mervyn John & Simon Down for whose council was greatly appreciated with the years challenging matters.

Our ever present Photographer, Viv Jones for capturing moments that I'm sure every player will savour.

Peter Thomas, Martyn Ryan, Richard Holland, Paul Bailey together with the remaining directors of the limited company continue to support the RFC.

Hopefully the new concept of rugby direction in our province will be introduced before the season starts. Together with the support and understanding of Danny Wilson & Clive Jones a brighter future for Cardiff RFC begins.

Thank You

Chris Norman

Chairman

CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCE 2016 - 2017

TOTAL		START	REP
27	THOMAS BEN	26	1
26	LEWIS ROB	19	7
24	TOMLINSON JOE	22	2
23	YOUNG CERI	21	2
22	EDWARDS JOHNATHAN	16	6
21	THOMPSON GARETH	17	4
21	LEUNG BEN	13	8
21	VIGGERS JORDAN	12	9
21	SLATER TOM	7	14
20	BEAL JAMES	20	
20	DAVIES JACK	17	3
19	REES-HOLE WILL	19	
19	MURPHY JAMES	18	1
19	REES ALED	7	12
18	CROCKER LUKE	12	6
17	FREE LIAM	13	4
17	REES CODY	13	4
17	BIRD DAVID	9	8
17	NASH GAVIN	7	10
16	PAGE JOE	6	10
15	MONTAGUE LEWYS	9	6
15	KING PAUL	8	7
13	SINIANSKI MORGAN	12	1
13	FORD LUKE	10	3
13	HALE MIKE	8	5
12	CHALKE LLOYD	12	
12	GIBBON CAMERON	11	1
12	MILLARD HARRI	11	1
11	SMYTH OLLIE	9	2
10	GAUGHAN JOE	7	3
10	CARRE RHYS	4	6
9	DAVIES SEBASTIAN	9	
9	DOLAN CAM	9	
8	ASSIRATTI KIERON	6	2
8	LUCAS TOM	2	6
7	WHITTINGHAM JAMES	4	3
6	EVANS JARROD	6	
6	WILLIAMS RHUN	6	
6	SHEEKEY JAMES	5	1
6	GRIFFITHS HARRI	4	2
6	DOMACHOWSKI CORY	3	3
5	CONWAY JAKE	3	2
5	WATTS DAN	2	3
4	WHITE NIC	3	1
4	LLOYD OWEN	2	2

TOTAL		START	REP
4	DUNLEAVY JOSH		4
3	HOEATA JARRAD	3	
3	LEWIS DILLON	3	
3	SPRIGGS RYAN	2	1
3	DECRUZ WAYNE	1	2
3	LEWIS ETHAN	1	2
3	GRIFFITH SCOTT		3
3	THOMAS BEN FH		3
2	COWLEY PELE	2	
2	DRISCOLL SEAN	2	
2	JENKINS OLIVER	2	
2	JONES LEWIS	2	
2	LANE OWEN	2	
2	BOTHAM JAMES	1	1
2	DAVIES-KING WILL	1	1
2	HICKS CURTIS	1	1
2	HUGHES ARON	1	1
2	JONES HYWEL	1	1
2	MORGAN TOM	1	1
2	THOMAS HUW	1	1
1	CONNOR MIKE	1	
1	DOWN JAMES	1	
1	EVERETT ALEX	1	
1	KNOYLE TAVIS	1	
1	LEWIS-HUGHES SHANE	1	
1	MA'AFU SALESI	1	
1	MYHILL KIRBY	1	
1	STONEHILL CHARLIE	1	
1	SUMMERHILL ALED	1	
1	CUSACK WILL		1
1	DE'ABREU JAMIE		1
1	DOBBS ED		1
1	EWINGSAM		1
1	FITZPATRICK OSIAN		1
1	HAINESJACK		1
1	ISBISTER NICK		1
1	JACKSON JOE		1
1	MILES JOE		1
1	OWEN MICHAEL		1
1	PARKS HUW		1
1	RUSSELL JOE		1
1	SMITH DAFYDD		1
1	SWINDLEHURST LEE		1
1	THOMAS LUKE		1
1	WALSH DAVID		1
704	BARGOED	495	209

CARDIFF RFC PLAYING RECORD 2016 - 2017

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	RESULT	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
12/08/2016	SKWEN (F)	A	WON	7	1	1		57		2			10
20/08/2016	TAUNTON (F)	H	WON	6				42	1	1			12
02/09/2016	NEWPORT	H	WON	2	1	2		25	2	1	1		22
10/09/2016	MERTHYR	A	LOST	1	1	2		18	2	2			24
15/09/2016	BRIDGEND	H	WON	1	1	2		18			4		12
24/09/2016	LLANDOVERY	H	LOST	1	2	2		23	2	1	3		28
01/10/2016	SWANSEA	A	LOST		1	1		8	1	1			12
08/10/2016	NEATH	A	LOST	2	1			19	1	2	1		20
12/10/2016	ABERAVON (FC)	H	WON	2	1	2		25	3		1		24
19/10/2016	BRIDGEND (FC)	A	LOST	1				7	3	1	1		29
29/10/2016	CARMARTHEN QUINS	H	WON	3	1			24	1	1	3		21
04/11/2016	ABERAVON	A	WON	1		4	1	22	1	1	1		15
12/11/2016	BARGOED	H	WON	1	1	6		30	2	1	1		22
19/11/2016	RGC 1404	A	LOST	1			1	10	3	1	3		35
25/11/2016	CROSS KEYS	H	WON	5		1		38	2				14
03/12/2016	LLANELLI	A	WON	4				28	2				14
07/12/2016	NEATH (FC)	A	LOST	2		3		23	5	1			40
10/12/2016	CRCC(F)	A	WON	1	5			32	1	1			12
14/12/2016	NEATH (FC)	H	LOST	2		3		23	2	1	3		28
23/12/2016	PONTYPRIDD	H	LOST	1		4		19	2		3		23
31/12/2016	EBBW VALE	A	LOST	2		2		20	1	1	4		24
07/01/2017	BEDWAS	H	LOST	1	2	2		23	4				28
11/01/2017	BRIDGEND (FC)	H	LOST	1	1	1		15	3		1		24
18/01/2017	ABERAVON (FC)	A	LOST	1	2			17	3	1			26
28/01/2017	TATA STEEL (CUP)	H	WON	8	4			76	2	1	1		22
03/02/2017	NEATH	H	LOST			3		9	2		2		20
10/02/2017	SWANSEA	H	LOST	3		4		33	3	2	1		34
18/02/2017	PONTYPOOL (CUP)	H	LOST	2		6		32	4		5		43
25/02/2017	NEWPORT	A	LOST		1	1		8	2		1		17
18/03/2017	LLANELLI	H	LOST	2		1		17	1	2	1		20
08/04/2017	BRIDGEND	A	LOST	3	1			26	4	1			33
29/04/2017	CROSS KEYS	A	WON	2	2	3		33	1		1		10
06/05/2017	BARGOED	A	WON	5				35	3	1			26
				74	28	58	1	835	69	27	42	0	744

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 3 WON 3 DREW 0 LOST 0	14	6	1		131	2	4					34
(FC) FOSTER'S CUP PL 6 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 5	9	4	9		110	19	4	6				171
(CUP) PLAYED 2 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 1	10	4	6		108	6	1	6				65
LEAGUE PLAYED 22 WON 9 DREW 0 LOST 13	41	14	42	1	486	42	18	30				474

TOTAL PLAYED 33 WON 14 DREW 0 LOST 19	74	28	58	1	835	69	27	42				744
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CARDIFF RFC POINTS 2016 - 2017

		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
THOMPSON	GARETH	10	22	43		202
BIRD	DAVID	1	25	16	1	115
YOUNG	CERI	9				45
REES-HOLE	WILL	8				40
EVANS	JARROD		7	9		39
BEAL	JAMES	7				35
GIBBON	CAMERON	7				35
TOMLINSON	JOE	7				35
SMYTH	OLLIE	6				30
DOLAN	CAM	5				25
CHALKE	LLOYD	3				15
KING	PAUL	3				15
MILLARD	HARRI	3				15
WILLIAMS	RHUN	3				15
FORD	LUKE	2		2		14
DAVIES	JACK	2				10
DECRUZ	WAYNE	2				10
SIENIAWSKI	MORGAN	2				10
THOMAS	BEN	2				10
VIGGERS	JORDAN	2				10
THOMAS	BEN FH		3			9
JENKINS	OLIVER	1		1		7
ASSIRATTI	KIERON	1				5
CARRE	RHYS	1				5
CROCKER	LUKE	1				5
DAVIES	SEBASTIAN	1				5
DAVIES-KING	WILL	1				5
EDWARDS	JOHNATHAN	1				5
FREE	LIAM	1				5
GRIFFITHS	HARRI	1				5
JONES	LEWIS	1				5
LEUNG	BEN	1				5
LEWIS	ETHAN	1				5
LUCAS	TOM	1				5
MONTAGUE	LEWYS		1	1		5
MORGAN	TOM	1				5
MURPHY	JAMES	1				5
PAGE	JOE	1				5
SLATER	TOM	1				5
WATTS	DAN	1				5
REES	CODY			2		4
		102	58	74	1	835

CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2016 - 2017

TOTAL			START	REP
31	COOK	MACAULEY	25	6
31	MORGAN	MATTHEW	23	8
31	SHINGLER	STEVE	22	9
28	WILLIAMS	LLOYD	22	6
27	WILLIAMS	TOMOS	10	17
26	LEE-LO	REYNOLD	26	
26	REES	MATTHEW	10	16
25	NAVIDI	JOSH	23	2
25	FILISE	TAUFA'AO	21	4
25	GILL	RHYS	18	7
24	HOEATA	JARRAD	19	5
24	DOWN	JAMES	14	10
24	ANDREWS	SCOTT	5	19
23	DACEY	KRISTIAN	18	5
22	CUTHBERT	ALEX	20	2
22	JENKINS	ELLIS	18	4
21	SCULLY	BLAINE	19	2
21	WILLIAMS	NICK	19	2
20	HALAHOLO	WILLIS	18	2
19	ANSCOMBE	GARETH	17	2
18	EARLE	GEORGE	18	
18	MYHILL	KIRBY	7	11
17	JAMES	TOM	13	4
16	ALLEN	CORY	13	3
16	SMITH	GARYN	7	9
15	DAVIES	SEBASTIAN	4	11
14	WARBURTON	SAM	13	1
14	WILLIAMS	RHUN	10	4
14	DOMACHOWSKI	COREY	5	9
13	JENKINS	GETHIN	9	4
12	FISH	DAN	7	5
12	THYER	BRADLEY	3	9
11	PEIKRISHVILI	ANTON	7	4
11	BENNETT	SION	3	8
10	TURNBULL	JOSH	9	1
9	SUMMERHILL	ALED	6	3
9	DOLAN	CAM	4	5
7	EVANS	JARROD	4	3
7	ROBINSON	NICK	1	6
6	SHEEKEY	JAMES	4	2
5	MILLARD	HARRI	4	1
5	LEWIS-HUGHES	SHANE	2	3
5	LEWIS	DILLON	1	4
4	ASSIRATTI	KIERON	1	3
4	LEWIS	ETHAN	1	3
4	THOMAS	MARC	1	3

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CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2016 - 2017 (cont)

TOTAL			START	REP
3	EDWARDS	BEN	2	1
3	BLACKER	DANE	1	2
3	JONES	BEN	1	2
3	BELCHER	LIAM		3
2	BEAL	JAMES	2	
2	GEE	TERI	2	
2	COWLEY	PELE	1	1
2	DAVIES	RHODRI	1	1
2	JONES	LEWIS	1	1
2	LANE	OWEN	1	1
2	SIENIAWSKI	MORGAN	1	1
2	BARNES	HEMI		2
2	CARRE	RHYS		2
1	DAVIES	JACK	1	
1	MA'AFU	SALESI	1	
1	THOMAS	JAKE	1	
1	BOTHAM	JAMES		1
1	BRADBURY	CALLUM		1
1	DACEY	GAVIN		1
1	KNOYLE	TAVIS		1
1	LEUNG	BEN		1
1	LEWIS	CAMERON		1
1	WARD	ALED		1
1	WILLIAMS	DECLAN		1
812	ST FRANCAIS		540	272

CARDIFF BLUES PLAYING RECORD 2016 - 2017

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	RESULT	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
12/08/2016	DRAGONS (F)	A	LOST	4				28	5		1		38
20/08/2016	BRISTOL (F)	H	WON	1	3	1		25	3		1		24
03/09/2016	EDINBURGH	H	WON	4		2		34	1		3		16
09/09/2016	MUNSTER	A	WON	3		1		24	2		3		23
16/09/2016	GLASGOW	H	WON	2		3		23	2	1			19
24/09/2016	ZEBRE	A	WON	1	2	2		23		3	2		21
01/10/2016	LEINSTER	H	LOST	1		2		13	1		3		16
07/10/2016	OSPREYS	A	LOST	3		1		24	4	3	1		46
14/10/2016	BRISTOL (E2)	A	WON	2	2	3		33	2		2		20
21/10/2016	PAU (E2)	H	WON	3		2		27	1	1			12
28/10/2016	SCARLETS	H	LOST	1	1	1		15	3	1			26
04/11/2016	TREVISIO	A	WON	2	1	5		34	4				28
13/11/2016	EXETER (AW)	A	LOST	1	3	1		25	6	4			62
18/11/2016	OSPREYS (AW)	H	LOST	1				7	3	2			31
25/11/2016	CONNACHT	A	LOST	1				7	1	1	2		18
03/12/2016	ULSTER	H	LOST	2	1	1		22	5				35
10/12/2016	BATH (E2)	H	WON	2	1	3		28			1		3
15/12/2016	BATH (E2)	A	LOST			1		3	5		1		38
26/12/2016	DRAGONS	H	WON	3		2		27	1		3		16
01/01/2017	SCARLETS	A	LOST	1		1		10	1	1	1		15
07/01/2017	GLASGOW	A	LOST	1	1	1		15	3	1	1		29
14/01/2017	PAU (E2)	A	WON	1		5		22	3				21
21/01/2017	BRISTOL (E2)	H	WON	3	2	2		37	3				21
27/01/2017	SALE (AW)	A	LOST			1		3	3	4			41
04/02/2017	WORCESTER (AW)	H	LOST	5		1		38	5	3	1		53
12/02/2017	CONNACHT	H	LOST	1		2		13	1		3	1	19
18/02/2017	TREVISIO	H	WON	7	1	1		57	2		2		20
24/02/2017	EDINBURGH	A	WON	1	1	2		18	1	2			17
04/03/2017	MUNSTER	H	LOST	1		2		13	2		2	1	23
25/03/2017	LEINSTER	A	LOST	3				21	2	1	1		22
01/04/2017	GLOUCESTER (E2)	A	LOST	2		3	1	26	5	1	2		46
07/04/2017	ULSTER	A	DREW	3		1		24	3		1		24
15/04/2017	OSPREYS	H	WON	5				35	2		1		17
28/04/2017	ZEBRE	H	WON	3		3		30	3		1		24
06/05/2017	DRAGONS	A	WON	2		4		26	1	1	4		24
19/05/2017	STADE FRANCAIS (EPO)	A	LOST	3				21	4	3	1		46
				79	19	60	1	831	93	33	44	2	954

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 2 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 1	5	3	1		53	8		2		62
(E2) EUROPE PLAYED 7 WON 5 DREW 0 LOST 2	13	5	19	1	176	19	2	6		161
(AW) ANGLO WELSH PLAYED 4 WON 0 DREW 0 LOST 4	7	3	3		73	17	13	1		187
(IPO) EUROPE PLAY OFF PL 1 W 0 D 0 L 1	3				21	4	3	1		46
LEAGUE PLAYED 22 WON 11 DREW 1 LOST 10	51	8	37		508	45	15	34	2	498
TOTAL PLAYED 36 WON 17 DREW 1 LOST 18	79	19	60	1	831	93	33	44	2	954

CARDIFF BLUES POINTS RECORD 2016 - 2017

		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
SHINGLER	STEVE	5	38	44		227
ANSCOMBE	GARETH	4	19	29	1	138
JAMES	TOM	8				40
CUTHBERT	ALEX	7				35
DACEY	KRISTIAN	6				30
HALAHOLO	WILLIS	6				30
MORGAN	MATTHEW	6				30
SCULLY	BLAINE	6				30
LEE-LO	REYNOLD	5				25
WILLIAMS	NICK	5				25
WILLIAMS	TOMOS	5				25
EVANS	JARROD	1	3	3		20
WILLIAMS	RHUN	4				20
BENNETT	SION	3				15
COOK	MACAULEY	3				15
SUMMERHILL	ALED	3				15
ALLEN	CORY	2				10
FISH	DAN	2				10
MILLARD	HARRI	2				10
NAVIDI	JOSH	2				10
WARBURTON	SAM	2				10
WILLIAMS	LLOYD	2				10
ANDREWS	SCOTT	1				5
BEAL	JAMES	1				5
DAVIES	RHODRI	1				5
DOLAN	CAM	1				5
FILISE	TAUFA'AO	1				5
JONES	LEWIS	1				5
PENALTY TRY		1				5
SHEEKEY	JAMES	1				5
TURNBULL	JOSH	1				5
ROBINSON	NICK			2		4
JONES	BEN			1		2
		98	60	79	1	831