

**CARDIFF RFC CLUB  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**END OF SEASON REPORT 2017 / 18**

Whilst writing the chairman's report, it was announced by Cardiff Blues that Peter Thomas was stepping down as chairman of the region in forthcoming year. He will handover the reins to a new chairman in readiness for season 2019/20. Peter will remain as a major shareholder of the board and also take his position of Life President. Peter's contribution to Cardiff Rugby has been colossal, without his financial backing there would be a strong possibility that professional rugby in Cardiff would not exist. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for his services to Cardiff and wish him well in the future.

With a clear involvement from WRU, they have recognised the need to support the Region not only with extra finance but clear guidelines on the governance of the board. There will be an appointment of three non executive directors and continued dialogue on how the Blues can expand on its position of being based in the capital city.

Cardiff Blues season ended successfully, reaching the position of fourth in Conference A, which gains them a Champions Cup entry next season.

Obviously the winning of the European Challenge Cup against Gloucester in Bilbao was a tremendous victory, coming back from a half time deficit of 20-6. The sheer determination of the players in the second half was legendary, with Ellis Jenkins and Gareth Anscombe inspirational.

The sad loss of coaches Danny Wilson & Matt Sherratt to Scotland & Ospreys respectively, we certainly wish them well in their new positions.

Congratulations and welcome to new head coach John Mulvihill on signing a three year deal, building on Danny Wilson's legacy.

Also good luck to new staff members Jason Strange and Tom Smith, together with Duane Goodfield and Richard Hodges on the completion of 1st team coaching group. Cardiff RFC season ended disappointedly, with a final position of 8th in the 16 team premiership league. However there were strong periods where the team were in the top three but the injury count was surreal, with many first team players unavailable in the last three months of the competition, notably the loss of our captain Joe Tomlinson, so early in the season. However the 5 game winning run was the highlight especially the victory at Carmarthen Quins 34-10

With the advent of A team/under 23 rugby next year, we have the benefit of head coach Steve Law having more players at his disposal. It has been recognised that there will only be ten fixtures or so, leaving many players without rugby during the season.

Notwithstanding that, Steve has secured a Cardiff squad independently from the Blues, which he believes can seriously challenge any team next year. It must be recognised how important next season is, as the league is being whittled down to 12 teams the

year after. The idea of Cardiff RFC not being in the top flight is unthinkable. Steve has met the Blues regularly when securing next years squad and the quality available is very encouraging, namely Martin Roberts, Morgan Allen, Steff Jones, Zac O' Driscoll, Kieron Martin. Joe Gatt, Mathew Powell & Morgan Griffiths have all signed recently.

The premiership in season 2018/19 will remain ( at present), East/West divisions of 8 teams, will secure 29 games including a host of local derby's, with the added excitement of the importance of every game, as 4 teams will be relegated and the bottom fifth team will have a play off with the winners of the Championship.

Congratulations on the following players receiving their caps, namely LlywarchApMyrddin, Ian Jenkins, Will Rees Hole, Ben White, Frazer Young, Peter Lloyd & Rhodri Cole.

Gareth Thompson was top point's scorer with 242 points a gain of forty from his last years total. Will Rees Hole was top try scorer with 15 tries.

The player with most appearances was Luke Crocker (Flanker), who played in 29 games, who also gained the player of the year Award. The most promising player of the year was awarded to Peter Lloyd (Prop), whilst playing under permit from Glamorgan Wanderers; he played like a seasoned pro in this year's premiership.

Many thanks to our head coach, Steve Law and his coaching team, Llyr Lane, Neil Edwards, James Dixon and Our Team manager, Iestyn Williams, for their efforts in what has been a promising year.

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 ability to assist CRFC in all matters especially the 141st club dinner.

Also to Jamie Muir, Ian Richards and Rhiannon Loxton for their contribution on pre-planning & match days when the new security measures have proved to be challenging.

Our Licensee Karl Kruger Williams & his bar staff have always shown support, whether training nights or match days, or even nights where Karl energises the members bar with a song or two.

May I also thank Mike Salt and Spiro and his team for their attention to the needs of the players and the post match snacks for the Trophy Room.

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. If anyone can help Matt, he's looking for new washing machines to launder the kit.

May I thank committee members for their contributions this past season. Chris Collins for attending every Blues South 16's & 18's fixtures ensuring that Cardiff RFC was represented.

Brian Bennett, Mark Wakeham for attending East District meetings and John Huw Williams for attending Cardiff & District Meetings.

Clive Davies for his work on the 141st Dinner and premiership meetings. Jill Parker a passionate secretary who works tirelessly for the RFC.

Ian Tabor & daughter Ellie for match day PA, our website and production of our match day programme. David Morgan for his organisation of our ball boys & girls at each home game. Dave Perkins, Hugh Campbell & Christine Buss selling our programmes on match day.

Gareth Nicholas, who has worked tremendously with Blues South 18's, supplying a watch list of 14 players for the future but also working with the Elite 16 year olds with high quality conditioning at Cardiff Met and skills sessions. This will hopefully stem the flow of players to English Colleges. He also met regularly with WRU & referees ensuring Wednesday Night Lights - Cardiff Blues South now play all games in a central venue which will hopefully develop loyalty to Cardiff RFC. Gareth has recruited a group of "Cardiff" people, who are motivated to see CRFC gain long term success. They will have attended schools that do not have a rugby program and look for raw talent.

Simon Down our vice chairman & Blues Director has been a much needed colleague when we have had challenging times.

Congratulations to Mervyn John who had stepped down from committee but received an award to be a member of the Cardiff RFC 'Hall of Fame'. He remains a trustee of CAC

Our ever present Photographer, Viv Jones has also joined our heritage group who were responsible for the creation of the CRFC museum. Also big thanks to members of the CF10 group whose work on this project was much needed.

A special mention to Billy Woods & Brian Bennett on their resignation from the CRFC committee, two people who's support has been greatly appreciated. Billy will now enjoy his time with us as Vice President and Brian who remains a CAC Trustee.

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

Hope you all enjoy next season and Cardiff Rugby continues to flourish.

Thank You

**Chris Norman**  
**CHAIRMAN, Cardiff RFC**

## CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCE 2017 - 2018

TOTAL		START	REP
29	CROCKER LUKE	27	2
28	THOMPSON GARETH	24	4
27	AP MYRDDIN LLYWARCH	25	2
26	REES-HOLE WILL	26	
26	JENKINS IAN	20	6
26	WHITE BEN	18	8
24	YOUNG FRASER	13	11
23	MURPHY JAMES	21	2
23	LLOYD PETER	20	3
23	COLE RHODRI	15	8
19	DALEY TOM	14	5
18	WATKIN GERAINT	7	11
17	BEAL JAMES	17	
16	MILES JOE10	6	
16	BROWN KEIRON	6	10
15	BRADBURY CALLUM	14	1
15	JONES ADAM	12	3
15	WILSON TOM	5	10
14	FISH DAN	13	1
14	LEWIS PAT	12	2
14	TARRANT CORRIE	1	13
13	COURT ADAM		13
12	PHILLIPS JACK	11	1
12	THOMAS BEN	5	7
11	CARRE RHYS	11	
11	SMITH DAFYDD	8	3
10	HOWELLS COREY	8	2
10	JONES LEWIS	8	2
10	TUCKER COREY	6	4
9	TUCKER REUBEN	7	2
9	GREENFIELD JAMES	1	8
9	SMITH KRIS	1	8
8	SMYTH OLLIE	5	3
8	YOUNG CERI	5	3
8	SPRIGGS RYAN		8
7	TOMLINSON JOE	7	
7	PITMAN RORY	5	2
7	GRIFFITHS HARRI	2	5
7	MABLY TOM	2	5
6	LANE OWEN	6	
6	NORMAN DALE MILES	6	
6	GRIFFITHS NICKY	2	4
5	BOTHAM JAMES	5	

TOTAL		START	REP
5	BENNETT SION	4	1
5	JWA-WAJI AMIR	2	3
5	DIXON JAMES	1	4
5	DOWDING KEN	1	4
5	HALE MIKE		5
4	DOWN JAMES	4	
4	LEWIS ETHAN	3	1
4	HUISH NATHAN	2	2
4	LEWIS ROB	1	3
3	LEWIS DILLON	3	
3	SHEEKEY JAMES	3	
3	LLOYD OWEN	2	1
3	WILLIAMS CHRIS	2	1
2	ASSIRATTI KIERON	2	
2	CRIMMINS DAN	2	
2	ROBERTS JACK	2	
2	BOWDEN LEWIS	1	1
2	DAVIES BLEDDYN	1	1
2	FORD LUKE	1	1
2	LITTLE JAMES	1	1
2	OLIVER TYLER	1	1
2	REECE LEWIS		2
1	FISH LUKE	1	
1	JONES BEN	1	
1	JONES GWION	1	
1	LEWIS CAMERON	1	
1	LEWIS JAMES	1	
1	MALONE SCOTT	1	
1	MARTIN JOSH	1	
1	MYHILL KIRBY	1	
1	PEIKRISHVILI ANTON	1	
1	THYER BRADLEY	1	
1	EVANS DAVID		1
1	EVANS JACK		1
1	GIBBON CAMERON		1
1	GRIFFITHS LLOYD		1
1	HAVEN JAKE		1
1	JENKINS LIAM		1
1	LOXTON JAMES		1
1	MORRIS CALLUM		1
1	O'DONNELL DANIEL		1
1	REES CODY		1
1	SMITH PAUL		1
711	EBBW VALE	480	231



# CARDIFF RFC PLAYING RECORD 2017 - 2018

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	RESULT	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
19/08/2017	CARMARTHEN QUINS (F)	H	WON	1	1			12		1			5
27/08/2017	NEWPORT	A	WON	4		1		31	2	1			19
02/09/2017	MERTHYR	H	WON	1	1	4		24		3			17
09/09/2017	BARGOED	A	WON	2	1			21	2		1		17
16/09/2017	CROSS KEYS	H	WON	5	1	2		46	2	1			19
23/09/2017	EBBW VALE	H	LOST	2	1	2		25	3		3		30
30/09/2017	BEDWAS	A	LOST		1	1		8		2	2		18
07/10/2017	PONTYPRIDD	H	LOST	2	1	3		28	5	1	2		46
27/10/2017	NEWPORT	H	WON	4		3		37	2	1	1		22
04/11/2017	MERTHYR	A	LOST	2		3		23	3		2		27
10/11/2017	BARGOED	H	WON	1	1	2		18	1		1		10
17/11/2017	CROSS KEYS	A	LOST	3		2		27	5				35
25/11/2017	EBBW VALE	A	WON	2		3		23	1	1	3		21
01/12/2017	BEDWAS	H	LOST	1		1		10	2	1	1		22
23/12/2017	PONTYPRIDD	A	LOST	1	1	2		18		1	5		20
30/12/2017	NEWPORT	A	LOST	2		1		17	3	1	1		29
06/01/2018	NEATH (CUP)	A	WON		2	1		15	1		2		13
27/01/2018	MERTHYR (CUP)	H	LOST	1	1			12	4		3		37
02/02/2018	BRIDGEND	A	WON	2		3		23		2	1		13
09/02/2018	MERTHYR	H	LOST	2		2		20	2	1	2		25
17/02/2018	LLANDOVERY	A	LOST	2	2			24	2		4		26
24/02/2018	NEATH	H	WON	4		1		31	2	1			19
10/03/2018	SWANSEA	H	WON	6	1	2		53	2	1	2		25
17/03/2018	CARMARTHEN QUINS	A	WON	4		2		34	1		1		10
23/03/2018	ABERAVON	H	WON	2	1	2		25			1		3
30/03/2018	BARGOED	A	WON	4	1	2		39	1				7
02/04/2018	RGC 1404	H	LOST	3				21	8	1	1		64
07/04/2018	BEDWAS	A	LOST	3		2		27	3	2			31
14/04/2018	CROSS KEYS	A	LOST	1		1		10	4	1	3		42
18/04/2018	LLANELLI	H	WON	5	2			45	1	2	1		20
05/05/2018	PONTYPRIDD	A	LOST		1	1		8	1	1	2		18
12/05/2018	EBBW VALE	H	LOST	2		1		17	2		2		20
				74	20	50	0	772	65	26	47	0	730

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 1 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 0	1	1				12		1				5
(CUP) PLAYED 2 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 1	1	3	1			27	5		5			50
LEAGUE PLAYED 29 WON 14 DREW 0 LOST 15	72	16	49			733	60	25	42			675
TOTAL PLAYED 32 WON 16 DREW 0 LOST 16	74	20	50			772	65	26	47			730
1 PEN TRY 7 PTS												

# CARDIFF RFC POINTS 2017 - 2018

		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
THOMPSON	GARETH	6	34	55		242
REES-HOLE	WILL	15				75
THOMAS	BEN	1	10	11		57
FISH	DAN	7				35
APMYRDDIN	LLYWARCH	5		2		29
JENKINS	IAN	5				25
JONES	ADAM	5				25
DALEY	TOM	4				20
JONES	LEWIS	4				20
LEWIS	PAT	4				20
BEAL	JAMES	3				15
CROCKER	LUKE	3				15
HOWELLS	COREY	3				15
LANE	OWEN	3				15
PENALTY TRY		2				14
COLE	RHODRI	2		1		12
JONES	BEN		2	3		12
BROWN	KEIRON	2				10
DIXON	JAMES		2	2		10
HUISH	NATHAN	2				10
PITMAN	RORY	2				10
WHITE	BEN	2				10
BENNETT	SION	1				5
BOTHAM	JAMES	1				5
GREENFIELD	JAMES	1				5
GRIFFITHS	NICKY	1				5
JIWA-WAJI	AMIR	1				5
MURPHY	JAMES	1				5
NORMANDALE	MILES	1				5
PHILLIPS	JACK	1				5
ROBERTS	JACK	1				5
SHEEKEY	JAMES	1				5
SMITH	DAFYDD	1				5
SMITH	KRIS	1				5
TUCKER	COREY	1				5
WATKIN	GERAINT	1				5
FISH	LUKE		1			3
MARTIN	JOSH		1			3
		94	50	74		772

# CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2017 - 2018

TOTAL			START	REP
32	TURNBULL	JOSH	22	10
30	WILLIAMS	TOMOS	15	15
27	WILLIAMS	LLOYD	16	11
25	LEE-LO	REYNOLD	21	4
25	EVANS	JARROD	20	5
24	WILLIAMS	NICK	24	
24	DAVIES	SEBASTIAN	20	4
24	SMITH	GARYN	19	5
24	COOK	MACAULEY	17	7
24	MYHILL	KIRBY	9	15
23	WELCH	DAMIEN	17	6
23	MORGAN	MATTHEW	16	7
23	ROBINSON	OLLY	15	8
23	THYER	BRADLEY	10	13
22	HALAHOLO	WILLIS	21	1
22	SHINGLER	STEVE	9	13
21	LANE	OWEN	19	2
20	NAVIDI	JOSH	19	1
19	REES	MATTHEW	17	2
19	EARLE	GEORGE	15	4
19	DOWN	JAMES	10	9
17	GILL	RHYS	12	5
16	ANSCOMBE	GARETH	15	1
16	CUTHBERT	ALEX	15	1
16	PEIKRISHVILI	ANTON	10	6
16	ASSIRATTI	KIERON	4	12
16	DOMACHOWSKI	COREY	4	12
16	LEWIS	DILLON	4	12
15	FILISE	TAUF'AO	15	
15	SCULLY	BLAINE	13	2
15	WILLIAMS	RHUN	12	3
15	JAMES	TOM	11	4
15	JENKINS	ELLIS	11	4
14	SUMMERHILL	ALED	13	1
13	DACEY	KRISTIAN	8	5
13	LEWIS	ETHAN	2	11
12	JENKINS	GETHIN	10	2
9	ANDREWS	SCOTT	3	6
7	JONES	LEWIS	4	3
7	BENNETT	SION	3	4
6	MILLARD	HARRI	3	3
5	MURPHY	BEN	1	4
4	ROBERTS	JACK	4	
4	BLACKER	DANE	1	3
4	FISH	DAN	1	3
4	JONES	BEN	1	3

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# CARDIFF BLUES APPEARANCES 2017 - 2018 (cont)

TOTAL			START	REP
4	CARRE	RHYS		4
4	LLEWELLYN	MAX		4
3	LEWIS-HUGHES	SHANE	2	1
2	BOTHAM	JAMES	2	
2	HOWELLS	COREY	2	
2	LAWRENCE	ALUN	1	1
2	LLOYD	OWEN		2
2	PHILLIPS	KRISTIAN		2
2	THOMAS	BEN		2
1	EDWARDS	RYAN	1	
1	WHITE	BEN	1	
1	BRADBURY	CALLUM		1
1	CROCKER	LUKE		1
1	CULLEN	REISS		1
1	GIBSON	SCOTT		1
1	LEWIS	CAMERON		1
1	MILES	JOE		1
814	GLOUCESTER		540	274

# CARDIFF BLUES PLAYING RECORD 2017 - 2018

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	RESULT	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS	GL	TR	PG	DG	PTS
19/08/2017	LONDON SCOTTISH (F)	A	WON	2	4			34	1	2	2		23
25/08/2017	EXETER (F)	H	WON	1	1	3		21	2		2		20
01/09/2017	EDINBURGH	H	LOST	1			1	10	2		2		20
08/09/2017	LEINSTER	A	LOST			3		9	4		3		37
16/09/2017	GLASGOW	H	LOST	1		4		19	2		2		20
23/09/2017	CONNACHT	A	WON	2		1		17	1	1	1		15
30/09/2017	MUNSTER	A	LOST	1		3		16	4	1	2		39
06/10/2017	DRAGONS	H	WON	5	1	1		43	3	1	1		29
13/10/2017	LYON (E2)	H	WON	3	1	1		29	2	1			19
20/10/2017	TOULOUSE (E2)	A	WON	2		1		17	1	1	1		15
28/10/2017	SCARLETS	A	LOST	2		1		17	2	2	2		30
04/11/2017	ZEBRE	H	WON	3	2	2		37		1	1		8
11/11/2017	NEWCASTLE (AW)	A	LOST					0	5	4			57
17/11/2017	OSPREYS (AW)	H	LOST	1		3		16	2		4		26
24/11/2017	CONNACHT	H	WON	3		5		36	2	2	2		30
01/12/2017	GLASGOW	A	LOST	1		3		16	5	1			40
09/12/2017	SALE (E2)	A	LOST					0	1	1	4		24
17/12/2017	SALE (E2)	H	WON		1	3		14			2		6
26/12/2017	DRAGONS	A	WON	2	1	1		22	1	1	1		17
31/12/2017	SCARLETS	H	LOST		1	2		11	2				14
06/01/2018	OSPREYS	A	LOST	2	1	3		28	3	1	1		29
14/01/2018	TOULOUSE (E2)	H	WON	1	1	2		18	1			2	13
20/01/2018	LYON (E2)	A	WON	2	1			21	1	1	2		18
27/01/2018	LEICESTER (AW)	A	LOST	1	1			12	3		1		24
02/02/2018	LONDON IRISH (AW)	H	LOST	3				21	6				42
10/02/2018	CHEETAHS	H	WON	2	1	2		25	2		2		20
17/02/2018	MUNSTER	H	WON	2	1	2		25	1	1	2		18
25/02/2018	ZEBRE	A	WON	1		1		10	1				7
16/03/2018	TREVISIO	H	WON	4		1		31	2	1	2		25
24/03/2018	ULSTER	H	WON	3	1	3		35		1	4		17
31/03/2018	EDINBURGH (E2)	A	WON	2		2		20			2		6
07/04/2018	CHEETAHS	A	LOST	3		2		27	2	2		1	29
14/04/2018	SOUTHERN KINGS	A	WON	5	2			45	1	1			12
21/04/2018	PAU (E2)	H	WON	1		3		16	1		1		10
28/04/2018	OSPREYS	H	LOST	2		3		23	2		3	1	26
11/05/2018	GLOUCESTER	N	WON	2	1	4		31	3		3		30
				66	22	66	0	772	71	27	55	4	815

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 2 WON 2 DREW 0 LOST 0	3	5	3		55	3	2	4		43
(E2) EUROPE PLAYED 9 WON 8 DREW 0 LOST 1	13	5	16		166	10	4	15	2	141
(AW) ANGLO WELSH PLAYED 4 WON 0 DREW 0 LOST 4	5	1	3		49	16	4	5		149
LEAGUE PLAYED 21 WON 11 DREW 0 LOST 10	45	11	44		502	42	17	31	2	482
TOTAL PLAYED 36 WON 21 DREW 0 LOST 15	66	22	66		772	71	27	55	4	815
PENALTY TRY = 7 POINTS										

# CARDIFF BLUES POINTS RECORD 2017 - 2018

		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
EVANS	JARROD	2	33	42		193
ANSCOMBE	GARETH	3	18	8		85
SHINGLER	STEVE		15	16		77
SUMMERHILL	ALED	7				35
HALAHOLO	WILLIS	6				30
LANE	OWEN	6				30
COOK	MACAULEY	5				25
MORGAN	MATTHEW	5				25
JAMES	TOM	4				20
JENKINS	ELLIS	4				20
LEE-LO	REYNOLD	4				20
SCULLY	BLAINE	4				20
WILLIAMS	LLOYD	4				20
WILLIAMS	NICK	4				20
WILLIAMS	TOMOS	4				20
MYHILL	KIRBY	3				15
SMITH	GARYN	3				15
CUTHBERT	ALEX	2				10
DACEY	KRISTIAN	2				10
DAVIES	SEBASTIAN	2				10
MILLARD	HARRI	2				10
ROBINSON	OLLY	2				10
TURNBULL	JOSH	2				10
PENALTY TRY		1				7
DOMACHOWSKI	COREY	1				5
EARLE	GEORGE	1				5
JONES	LEWIS	1				5
LEWIS	DILLON	1				5
NAVIDI	JOSH	1				5
REES	MATTHEW	1				5
ROBERTS	JACK	1				5
		88	66	66		772