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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome Carmarthen

Due to the upgrading and development of our iconic home venue at St Helen's we have had to find alternative accommodation for our home fixtures in the Super Rygbi Cymru (SRC) league for this season. All at Swansea RFC are delighted and extremely grateful that Duvant RFC have agreed to allow us to use their excellent field and clubhouse facilities at Broadacre, and more so, have given us a warm welcome, while the changes are being carried out.

We are very grateful too, for the good will shown by our visiting opponents, All Whites members, supporters, sponsors, players, match officials, and all connected with the club for accepting the arrangements and adjustments being made while we negotiate change to enhance the future of the game in Swansea and beyond. All this while the WRU too, ponders the way forward in discussion with all connected in the game.

This being our second 'home' game of the season we look forward to another good result against today's visitors, the 'Quins, as we follow on from our deserved victory over Newport. Newport are a tough nut to crack as the 'Quins also found out in their narrow victory over the 'Black and Ambers' last week. If these results are anything to go by we are set for another tight game today.

Our 'double' over Newport set the All Whites up for another good all round team effort against RGC in Colwyn Bay last Saturday that led to a 'hat trick' of victories. Let's hope that the run of good form continues today. It appears too, that no sooner are we getting accustomed to our games at Broadacre, that we find ourselves without another home game until 5th December when Pontypool are our visitors. However, a string of home games have been arranged moving into the Christmas period for you all to engage in some seasonal cheer.

This week the Swansea club was saddened to hear of the passing of former player Roy 'Shunto' Thomas from Penclawdd. He played hooker for the All Whites in 169 matches including the victory against Australia in 1966. He also turned out for Llanelli 184 times, and was in the winning side against New Zealand in 1972. Roy also sat on the substitutes bench for Wales on 26 occasions and deservedly received his 'President's Cap' after appearing for Wales against Tonga in 1974, a match which was not recognized as a full international at that time. 'Shunto' was also the recipient of his '100 Cap' award from Swansea RFC on an occasion at St Helen's last season, when he displayed his fun-loving, warm and mischievous character for which he was renowned. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time and a fuller tribute to Roy can be found in today's match programme.

We welcome you all to this afternoon's game between two sides that like to give the ball plenty of air based on some solid possession, offering excitement and enjoyment. Please support both teams and the match officials fairly and all are welcome in the clubhouse after the game.

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Trade Centre Wales Marketing Manager Jac Bowen commented: "We're thrilled to be partnering Swansea RFC as ground sponsors and jersey sponsors in important season for the club. It is a testament to the fantastic relationship we have with Swansea RFC. Coupled with their ambitions for players and our own growth in the same period, we've been able to invest more into the local club."

SWANSEA SUPPORTERS CLUB PAGE

A very warm welcome to Broadacre, Dunvant for this afternoon's match in the Super Rygbi Cymru Trophy. Also welcome to all players, supporters, and committee members of Carmarthen Quins this afternoon.

What a difference a season makes! Swansea finished bottom of the league and Carmarthen Quins 9th last season. This term both teams have a winning 3-2 record so far and Carmarthen beat Newport last weekend whilst we managed an impressive bonus point win in Colwyn Bay. So this afternoon promises to be quite a match with 281 points having been scored between us so far in the opening 10 combined matches in the Super Rygbi Cymru! If you were not at Colwyn Bay last week, it was another great match! 9 tries, 79 points and the best performance of the season so far – according to our roving reporter Paul Hopkins. You can read all about it in these programme pages. A win for either team will consolidate 3rd place – at least for Swansea, or a move into the top 3 for the Quins.

Our club shop will look a little bit different this season. Matt will be at the back corner of the clubhouse and if you require an item for that 'Whites' supporter in your life, let us know. Orders must now be pre-paid and we will aim to have your Swansea RFC merchandise ready for our next home game here in December! So this afternoon is an ideal opportunity to get your Christmas gift purchases.

There will be a minute silence before the match for Roy 'Shunto' Thomas who was a Swansea stalwart before his move to Llanelli. News reports highlighted that he was in the Llanelli team that famously defeated New Zealand in 1972 but he was also in the Swansea team that beat Australia at St. Helen's a few seasons prior. Dave Dow has done an excellent past player profile in this programme which is well worth a read.

A big thank you again to Dunvant RFC who are hosting us this season. So, why not stay behind after the game today and enjoy the club's hospitality and watch whatever match is on the big screens. There is also an excellent Firework display here on Friday 7th November. It is the biggest independent display in Swansea and very well attended by families and local residents alike. More information can be found on their social media and web sites.

Finally, although there is a Stat Attax page within this programme. There is a Stat Attax 'EXTRA TIME' page in this afternoon's programme. Swansea are just 97 points away from scoring 80,000 in our 5108 matches in history! I have dedicated a page to our record breakers today.

Enjoy the match and let's hope for a 4th 'W' in the SRC this afternoon!

#cmonthewhites

Paul Tabram (Chairman – Swansea Patrons & Supporters Club)

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St Helen's Archive

By Dave Dow (St Helen's Archive Team)



READ ALL ABOUT IT - NEWSPAPER ODDITIES



Good afternoon from the St Helen's Archive team. For our second article of the season, I thought we would venture into a part of the archive we have never featured before: **THE NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE**. Regular readers will know that for years now we have been collecting match reports from Microfilm at Swansea Library and online sources such as the British Newspaper Archive, Welsh Newspapers online and similar sources abroad. These comprise our match report data and player profile archive. Saved and backed-up as PDF files, the collection covers cricket and rugby from the earliest times and provides an enormous reservoir of information. Starting in 1785 (the first cricket matches in Swansea) this unique digital archive now comprises well in excess of two thousand articles from over 100 newspapers worldwide!

While the task of ferreting out the important match report data is a serious and exacting exercise, undertaken by a small and dedicated team, the search for an article on that elusive match often throws up unexpected articles, sometimes completely unrelated to the search but fascinating nonetheless and often hilarious. Below are some examples we have uncovered in researching early Swansea RFC matches. Such finds cheer us up even when we don't find the report we are searching for....

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MASSIVE JONES to Little Thomas, who has been induced to take the place of an absentee: "Now then old chap, we must buck up, and try to make the next half a little more exciting!"

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My personal favourite from 1910....

MASCOT ON THE CROSS-BAR.

One of the worst and most scrambling games it was possible to witness was played on Monday morning by Aberavon St. Mary's and Aberavon Excelsiors, on the Port Talbot Steelworks ground. The only features in the game worth commenting upon were the smartness of Con. Evans, the midget half of the Excelsiors, and the safe play of Johnny Davies, who did well at full-back for the Saints. Several times St. Mary's indulged in passing bouts, but the passes generally went wrong. Neither side deserved to score. Some slight diversion was caused by the Excelsiors' mascot, a monkey, being perched on the cross-bar. There was never any danger of the animal being knocked off, as neither "goal" was ever in danger!

A "Hands-free" pipe for cyclists....



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Teasing the 1905 NZ skipper...

A small boy selling football mourning-cards in Cardiff after the great New Zealand versus Wales match, seeing a man standing on the steps of the hotel, and not knowing that it was Gallagher, the captain of the "All Blacks," asked him if he would buy a card in memory of the death of poor New Zealand. "No thanks," replied the skipper, with a grim smile; "I was in the funeral myself."

Did you know.... The Cambrian

SWANSEA, FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1891.

THE DIFFERENT WAY IN WHICH DRUNKEN PEOPLE FALL.

Dr. L. Brunton has reminded a Parliamentary Committee of experiments which have shown that intoxication by beer or wine makes a man fall on his side, while whisky has a tendency to bring him prone on his face and cider or perry, taken in overdose, throws him prostrate on his back.

Nothing changes....



"Say, boy, which is the way to get into the football field?"
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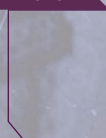


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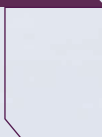


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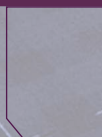


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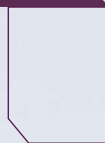
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PLAYER PROFILE

By Ruby Butt



NAME: **JACOB HOPKINS**

AGE: **25**

POSITION: **NUMBER 8**

PLAYER LEGACY NO: **#3062**

WHITES DEBUT: **v Ponypool (Away)**

WHITES APPEARANCES: **7**

PREVIOUS JUNIOR/SENIOR CLUBS

Dunvant, Ebbw Vale

EDUCATION:

Chemistry at Cardiff University

PRE-MATCH RITUALS:

None - I just chill out

RANDOM FACT:

Back in the day, I used to be a National Jiu-Jitsu Champion

FAVOURITE PLAYER GROWING UP:

Richie McCaw

OTHER SPORTS PLAYED

Jiu-Jitsu and Athletics

PRE-MATCH PLAYLIST?

A bit of Linkin Park

MATCH REPORT

By: Paul Hopkins

RGC 1404 31 - 38 SWANSEA

Swansea survived a late North Walian onslaught to run out 38-31 winners in a thrilling encounter at Parc Eirias.

It was almost a perfect start for the home side when lock James Brown rose high to collect fly half Billy McBryde's kick off, but he couldn't gather possession and Swansea were able to clear.

Full back Dion Jones did well to catch a high ball, with number eight Celt Ffrancis-Roberts playing the role of protector, but fly half Josh Phillips cleanly caught scrum half Tudur Jones' box kick, although he was penalised for holding on after the tackle. McBryde kicked the first points of the match.

Brown spilled the restart into touch to gift Swansea an attacking lineout, but the home side were awarded a relieving penalty.

Phillips found touch on the RGC 22 with a penalty and lock Cai Arnold took the lineout, with the pack driving forward five metres, before number eight Jacob Hopkins picked up a loose ball to score the game's opening try. Phillips converted.

A calamitous error by the home side almost let centre Delwyn Jones in for a soft try, but to the credit of the Whites' defence, the centre was held up over the line.

The visitors gave away a penalty on half way for an offside offence and McBryde chipped deep into the corner with his touch finder. Ffrancis-Roberts collected the lineout and hooker Jac Petch-Jones was driven over from a rolling maul for the home side's first try. McBryde converted.

Phillips kicked deep with a penalty, and lock Ben Roberts rose high to collect the lineout, before the ball was fed out wide to full back Lewis Edwards, but the supporting winger Iwan Glynn was crowded into touch just short of the line, although the ball went out off an RGC player. It mattered little though as the lineout throw was poor.

Swansea were awarded another penalty, and they were handed another 10 metres after some choice words from an RGC player. Phillips chipped to the corner and Roberts took the lineout, and although the RGC defence stayed firm at first, prop Cameron Jones used his pace to stretch over for a try. Phillips converted.

A poor pass by centre Callum Carson went into touch inside his own 22 to give RGC an attacking platform. Prop Gareth Parry powered forward, but support was slow to arrive, giving the Whites a let off. Showing some fantastic enterprise, Phillips took a quick tap penalty, and the visitors' backs made it up to the opposing 22, but a mistake brought an end to the move.

Winger Caio Parry danced past a few Swansea tacklers but was brought down on half way, and as the support was too slow, the visitors were handed a penalty, which Phillips

chipped into the 22.

Arnold took the lineout, but the home pack superbly defended the maul, forcing the Whites to commit an offside infringement, so McBryde cleared up to half way.

Brown took the lineout, and Edwards failed to deal with McBryde's awkward grubber kick, and it bounced off his foot into touch on his own 22. Lock Billy McQueeney took the lineout, but his side gave away a penalty at the maul.

Caio Parry was forced to ground the ball dead after the Whites' backs cut loose, but he dealt with Edwards' grubber kick that was meant for the chasing Glynn.

Phillips took a quick lineout to Edwards, to allow centre Jack Hoskins to stretch his legs, although he was tackled. Referee Matthew Leon brought play back for a penalty and replacement hooker Osian Burt was sent to the sin-bin, leaving his side down to 13 men.

The visitors opted for an uncontested scrum on the 22 and the decision paid off as the Whites sucked in the defence and threw a pass out wide for Glynn to touch down in the corner. Phillips converted.

HALF-TIME:- RGC 1404 10-21 SWANSEA

Swansea continued where they left off after the interval with winger Ieuan Cornelius making a break on the wing, but his chip ahead was deflected into touch. The visitors collected the lineout with hooker Rhodri King mauling his way over for a try. Phillips converted.

Gareth Parry did well to earn a turnover and a superb pass out wide by Brown was taken by Dion Jones, but the supporting winger Louis Williams dropped the ball backwards. The home side came again through centres Gethin O'Callaghan and Delwyn Jones, before the former was bundled into touch.

Play was brought back for a penalty and prop Patrick Nelson took a regulation tap and go, before another penalty followed, which flanker Dafydd Thirsk took quickly, but opposite number Callum Bowden superbly gained a turnover. A fight then ensued with McQueeney and Carson both yellow carded.

Phillips almost broke through the middle but he was held on half way, before an outstanding 50/22 gave the visitors an attacking lineout, although Brown stole the ball.

McBryde chipped deep inside the Swansea 22 with a penalty, and Brown took the lineout, with the home side awarded a penalty, which McBryde again dinked into the corner. Thirsk took the lineout and the pack drove Burt over for a try. McBryde converted.

A superb chip ahead by Glynn forced Dion Jones to defend on his own line, and the visitors were awarded an attacking scrum five. Scrum half Matthew Aubrey tried to snipe over the line, but the supporting Hopkins powered over for a try at the next phase. Phillips converted.

The North Walian side were awarded a penalty on the RGC 22, with McBryde chipping into the corner. Ffrancis-Roberts took the lineout and a clever move saw the ball swept out wide to Caio Parry for a try. McBryde converted.

Brown took a lineout on the 22, with Delwyn Jones powering forward, before flanker Ethan Fackrell nipped in for a turnover, and Phillips was able to clear long.

A misfired lineout by Burt was taken by opposite number Jamie Cox, who fed replacement prop Daf Davies, before Hoskins powered forward on the wing, but the Whites were unable to control the ball and gave away a penalty.

McBryde tried a chip ahead but the chaser was deemed in front of the kicker. Phillips chose to calm proceedings by taking a shot at goal, which he successfully converted.

But the home side collected the restart inside the Swansea 22 to set up another attack, and Delwyn Jones nipped in to score under the posts. McBryde converted.

Carson was penalised for a deliberate tap down as RGC tried to counterattack and McBryde chipped up to half way. Then replacement backs Osian Llewelyn and Sam Jones made yards on the wing, but Delwyn Jones crucially lost the ball forward.

Phillips chipped out on the full with a clearance kick to gift RGC a lineout inside the Swansea 22. Replacement lock Tal Taylor took the lineout, and the visitors gave away an offside penalty, which McBryde chipped to the corner.

Ffrancis-Roberts took the lineout, but an outstanding counter maul by the visitors turned over possession. Phillips initially cleared, but Dion Jones took a quick lineout to himself to keep up the momentum. The full back then almost broke through a tackle out wide, but the supporting Thirsk dropped the ball.

In the dying seconds Carson gave away a penalty for an infringement on the ground and McBryde chipped inside the Swansea 22, but Ffrancis-Roberts spilled the lineout forward.

The visitors were out on their feet at the final whistle, but thoroughly deserved their third win in a row. Next up for RGC 1404 is a trip to Aberavon, while Swansea host Carmarthen Quins.

FULL-TIME:- RGC 1404 31-38 SWANSEA

RGC 1404 SCORERS:

Tries:- Jac Petch-Jones (13), Osian Burt (55), Caio Parry (62)

Cons:- Billy McBryde (14, 56, 63) **Pens:-** Billy McBryde (3)

Yellow cards:- Osian Burt (38), Billy McQueeney (48)

SWANSEA SCORERS:

Tries:- Jacob Hopkins (8, 59), Cameron Jones (23),

Iwan Glynn (40+3), Rhodri King (43)

Cons:- Josh Phillips (9, 24, 40+4, 44, 60)

Pens:- Josh Phillips (68)

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MATCH FACTS

Venue:- Stadiwm CSM, Colwyn Bay | **Weather:-** Cloudy, 13C

Referee:- Callum Bowden | **Attendance:-** 1000 | **Man of the Match:-** Matthew Leon

STATS 'N' STUFF

LEAGUE STATS & FIXTURES

Sat 23 Aug	14:30	Llanelli Wanderers	Stradey Park, Llanelli	31 - 21 (W)
Sat 30 Aug	14:30	Bargoed	Bargoed Park, Bargoed	28 - 7 (W)
Sat 13 Sep	14:30	Pontypool	Pontypool Park, Pontypool	13 - 25 (L)
Sat 20 Sep	14:30	Llandovery	Church Bank, Llandovery	31 - 24 (L)
Sat 27 Sep	14:30	Newport	Newport Stadium, Newport	40 - 42 (W)
Thu 2 Oct	19:30	Newport	Broadacre, Dunvant	24 - 14 (W)
Sat 18 Oct	14:30	RGC 1404	Stadiwm CSM, Colwyn Bay	31 - 38 (W)
Sat 25 Oct	14:30	Carmarthen Quins	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Sat 1 Nov	14:30	Ebbw Vale	Eugene Cross Park, Ebbw Vale	
Fri 21 Nov	19:30	Bridgend Ravens	Dunraven Brewery Field, Bridgend	
Fri 28 Nov	19:15	Cardiff	Cardiff Arms Park, Cardiff	
Fri 5 Dec	19:30	Pontypool	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Sat 13 Dec	14:30	Llandovery	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Fri 19 Dec	19:30	Aberavon	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Sat 27 Dec	14:30	Aberavon	Talbot Athletic Ground, Port Talbot	
Sat 3 Jan	14:30	RGC 1404	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Sat 24 Jan	14:30	Llandovery	Church Bank, Llandovery	
Sat 31 Jan	14:30	Ebbw Vale	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Sat 14 Feb	14:30	Aberavon	Talbot Athletic Ground, Port Talbot	
Sat 21 Feb	14:30	Bridgend Ravens	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Sat 21 Mar	14:30	Carmarthen Quins	The Park, Carmarthen	
Sat 28 Mar	14:30	Ebbw Vale	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Sat 4 Apr	14:30	Bridgend Ravens	Broadacre, Dunvant	
Sat 11 Apr	14:30	Cardiff	Broadacre, Dunvant	

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EBBW VALE	4	4	0	0	170	76	94	24	10	4	4	24
LLANDOVERY	5	4	0	1	160	157	3	22	21	4	0	20
SWANSEA	5	3	0	2	148	144	4	20	19	3	1	16
CARMARTHEN QUINS	5	3	0	2	133	122	11	17	18	2	2	16
PONTYPOOL	5	3	0	2	118	91	27	15	11	1	1	14
CARDIFF	4	2	0	2	145	153	-8	21	22	3	3	14
BRIDGEND RAVENS	5	2	0	3	125	164	-39	19	23	3	1	12
ABERAVON	5	2	0	3	134	176	-42	19	27	3	0	11
RGC 1404	5	1	0	4	151	176	-25	19	23	4	2	10
NEWPORT	5	0	0	5	124	149	-25	19	21	3	4	7

SWANSEA v CARMARTHEN

TODAY'S SQUADS

Team line-ups are subject to change*

(Full Back)	HARRI HOUSTON	#2926
(Winger)	IWAN GLYNN	#3057
(Centre)	CALLUM CARSON	#2836
(Centre)	JACK HOSKINS	#3063
(Winger)	LEWIS EDWARDS	#3048
(Fly Half)	JOSH PHILLIPS	#3040
(Scrum Half)	IWAN TEMBLETT	#3043
(Prop)	DAF DAVIES	#3023
(Hooker)	JAMIE COX	#3015
(Prop)	ED THOMPSON	#3014
(2nd Row)	CAI ARNOLD	#3061
(2nd Row)	CHRIS THOMPSON	#2988
(Flanker)	CALLUM BOWDEN	#2865
(Flanker)	ETHAN FACKRELL	#3067
(No8)	JACOB HOPKINS	#3062
(Reps)	RHODRI KING	#3064
(Reps)	GEORGE ROSSITER	
(Reps)	TOM CROCKETT	#2963
(Reps)	MATT DODD	#2766
(Reps)	LUCA GIANNINI	#3047
(Reps)	ELLIS LEWIS	
(Reps)	TAL REES	#3060
(Reps)	LIAM LLOYD	#3065

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TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR



WELCOME TO - BROADACRE -

Dunvant RFC are both excited and delighted to be hosting Swansea RFC at Broadacre this season while redevelopment work takes place at their historic St Helens home. It's a privilege to welcome such an iconic and storied club, rich in tradition and rugby heritage, to share our facilities and community.

We were thrilled to see Swansea RFC and their loyal supporters join us earlier this month for what turned out to be a cracking game against Newport RFC. Despite the horrendous weather conditions, both teams served up a real spectacle of grit and passion that reminded us all why we love this sport. We were especially proud to see one of our own, number 8 Jacob Hopkins, cross the whitewash early on and deliver a man-of-the-match performance — a great moment for everyone connected with Dunvant.

At Dunvant, we pride ourselves on being a welcoming and community-focused club, and we look forward to building strong ties with Swansea RFC throughout the season. It's fantastic to see Broadacre buzzing with top-level rugby, and we hope both players and fans feel right at home here.

We wish the coaches, players, staff, and supporters of Swansea RFC every success for the season ahead, both on and off the field. Here's to a successful partnership, great rugby, and plenty of memorable afternoons at Broadacre!

DAI ROSE
DUNVANT RFC SECRETARY

STAT AT TAX

Swansea v Carmarthen

Swansea v Teams From Carmarthen

According to our records, this afternoon's fixture is the 53rd in total between Swansea & Teams From Carmarthen since 1877. Here are some of the statistics of matches since then:-

Matches Played 52	Swansea Won 27	Swansea Lost 22	Matches Drawn 3
Points Scored By Swansea 1046		Points Scored Against Swansea 895	

Swansea

Tries 139	Conversions 91	Penalties 57	Drop Goals 6
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Carmarthen Quins *(Records are only complete for Carmarthen Quins since 2006)*

Tries 91	Conversions 66	Penalties 44	Drop Goals 0
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Biggest Victory for Swansea

Swansea 73	Carmarthen	5th February 1887	South Wales Challenge Cup
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Largest Defeat

Swansea 21	Carmarthen Quins 45	4th January 2014	WRU Challenge Cup
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Swansea Individual Records

On 3 occasions Swansea players have scored 20 or more points in a match. Matthew Morgan scored 24 points on 18th September 2010 (2 tries, 4 penalties and 2 conversions). Nicky J Thomas (4 tries) and Stuart Thomas (1 try, 6 conversions and 1 penalty) both scored 20 points in the same match on 29th April 2006. These three feats were all at The Park in Carmarthen.

Swansea Try Hat-Tricks

As well as Nicky J Thomas scoring four tries in one match (see above), only one other player has scored a hat-trick against the Quins.' Nicky Jones achieved this at St. Helen's, Swansea on 31st December 2005

25th October In History

There have been 23 other matches played on this day in History (W13, D2, L8). The first being in 1879 at St. Helen's, Swansea. The match ended with a Swansea victory by 3 tries & 4 goals to 1 try (39-3 in today's scoring format)

Other Notable results are:-

1902	Swansea 22-0 Cardiff
1930	Swansea 11-3 Newport
1975	Leicester 6-25 Swansea
1991	Swansea 22-6 Abertillery
1998	Amman United 7-100 Swansea (Rebel Season WRU Cup 1st Round)
2014	RGC 1404 17-39 Swansea

Did You Know?

This afternoon is also the 45th Anniversary of the 'Mighty All Blacks' visiting Swansea on their Northern Hemisphere day. It was a black day all round as The All Whites lost 32-0!

Paul Tabram - Chairman - Swansea Patrons & Supporters Club

STAT AT TAX

EXTRA TIME...

Many of you might have seen the Legacy Number list that has highlighted every (known) player that has worn the famous 'All Whites' shirt! This took almost 5 years to compile and although I do keep the numbers updated, I can't take all the credit as I did have help from David Dow (1872-1914), Paul Hopkins (1919-1930) & Rob Phillips (1930-1945). However, there are some other statistics that I would like to share with you. By the end of the match it will already be out of date, but up until last Saturday's victory in Colwyn Bay, these are the complete statistics of Swansea RFC.....so far!!

Total Matches - 5108

Won - 3055

Drawn - 387

Lost - 1666

Swansea are just 97 points away from 80,000 in all matches and by the time we next play at home in December, that might have been surpassed.

Points Scored - 79903

Points Conceded - 51967

Tries Scored - 13720

Conversions - 6950

Penalties - 4155

DG's - 730

Goals From Mark - 37

Biggest Victories

Swansea have scored 100 points on 3 occasions. The highest scoreline was 113-7 at Penybanc in a pre-season friendly in 2010, the other 2 were in the Welsh Cup. Bala were beaten 104-3 in 2008 when the referee forgot to stop cup matches during this period before the score got to 100, the other was against Amman United in 1998. The hosts actually scored first and thought that a cup upset was on the cards. It was then one-way traffic as an international laden XV scored 100 unanswered points in a match that Shane Williams made an appearance off the bench.

Swansea Individual Records

On 140 occasions Swansea players have scored 20 or more points in a match. Rob Sweeney & Steffan Jones currently have the record with 34. Rob scored got his chance against Llanelli in the penultimate match prior to the regions forming in 2003. He started on the bench and made quite some impact scoring 3 tries, 5 conversions and 3 penalties. Steffan Jones scored 4 tries and 8 conversions against Penarth in January 1990. It was 4 points for a try in 1990, so in today's scoring system he would have amassed 38 points!

It's A Try!

Billy Trew (1897-1909) has the club record for most tries scored for Swansea. He crossed the whitewash 235 times. Dan Rees (1897-1905) scored 178, Frank Gordon (1894-1906) 171 and Arthur Emyr (1981-1989) is 4th with 161. There have been 363 try hat-tricks. The most try-hat-tricks scored by Swansea players are by Dan Rees on 21 occasions others with the most hat-ticks are Billy Trew 17 Arthur Emyr 12 and Tony Swift 10 (1979-1985). Jamie Cox has scored 3 hat-tricks this calendar year.

Record Point Scorers

Mark Wyatt is the club's record points scorer with 2913 (1977-1992), Roger Blyth (1968-1989) is next on the list with 2496, Arwel Thomas (1994-2003) scored 1974 and averaged almost 13 points a match!

Club Stalwarts

214 players are eligible to join the Swansea '100 Cap Club'. Richard Moriarty has the most appearances in a Swansea shirt with 483 (1977-1998). Swansea's favourite prop Keith Colclough is next on the list with 449 (1978-1998). Three other players have amassed over 400 matches, they are; Phil Llewellyn 433 (1966-1980), Roger Blyth 409 and DJ Thomas 400 (1900-1914).

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PAST PLAYER PROFILE

Roy Thomas

Swansea RFC Player Legacy Number: #1730

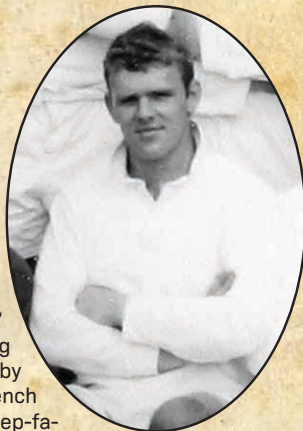
POSITION: Hooker

Born: 21 August 1943 Penclawdd, Gower

Died: 17 October 2025, Swansea

CLUBS: Penclawdd, Swansea, Llanelli, Crawshays' Invitational

HONOURS: West Wales, Wales (1 cap, 1974)



Roy "Shunto" Thomas hailed from Penclawdd on north Gower; a club that has produced many notable players over the years including Swansea's Wales capped players Haydn Tanner, Doug Rees and Bryn Evans. "Shunto" was unfortunate not to have achieved a full Welsh cap during his playing career, having been reserve to Wales and Lions hookers Jeff Young and Bobby Windsor and holding the unenviable record of sitting on the substitute's bench no less than 26 times. Roy's sobriquet is said to have descended from his step-father: "He worked underground in the colliery, see, and he used to shunt the wagons around." Roy explained

He will be remembered in Swansea not for that unwanted statistic, but for his tough uncompromising play and his great sense of humour off the field. Additionally, "Shunto" appeared in 169 matches for Swansea's first fifteen including being in the 'All Whites' team skippered by Mike Thomas, who defeated Australia by 9 points to 8 at St Helen's on 26th November 1966. With Mike Thomas off for part of the first-half being treated for injury, Roy and the other six Swansea forwards withstood a torrid onslaught from the Wallabies until their captain's return to the field. It was a victory won by the forwards and Roy played his part.

Playing alongside the likes of Byron Mainwaring and Doug Jones, Roy completed an uncompromising Swansea front row and was a regular first team choice from 1966 to 1970. Roy also represented Swansea in their match against the 1969 touring Springboks, packing down with Alan Rutherford and David Bowen. Unfortunately the fixture was better remembered for the anti-apartheid protests and was lost 0 - 12. In 1970 he departed for Llanelli RFC appearing in 184 matches at Stradey Park until his retirement from first class rugby in 1978. This period saw "Shunto" complete his appearances against the southern hemisphere 'big three' in Llanelli's 1972 win over New Zealand, a match in which his tough play was tested and triumphed. He also was part of the Llanelli team that won four consecutive WRU Challenge Cups from 1973 to 1976.

Regarding his self-belief in his abilities and where he stood in world rugby, despite the shortage of opportunity on the international stage, Roy asserted: ***"You can ask anybody my age who followed rugby and I out-hooked every hooker in the world. I could get so many balls against the head because I was quick with my left foot. I was good with my lineout throwing too."*** And who was his toughest opponent? ***"Nobody really. I didn't fear anyone. When I played against Bobby [Windsor], I used to out-hook him."***

Roy was a regular at Swansea's Former Players' dinners and was present in 2016 at the 50th anniversary of the win over Australia. He also was presented on 28th September 2024 with his Swansea cap in acknowledgement of his having attained 100 appearances for the first fifteen.

Roy did retrospectively gain his coveted 'President's Welsh cap' for his appearance in the 44 - 8 win over Tonga on 19th September 1974 - at that time an uncapped match. He also represented West Wales and the Crawshays invitational side and later spent some time coaching Penclawdd. Roy worked delivering coal in Gower as well as transporting North Gower's famous cockles and some time spent working for British Steel. He was a great club man, determined player and thorough gentleman. Roy Thomas died in Penclawdd in October 2025.

CAPTAINS CORNER



This season the coaching team have appointed two players to share the captaincy of the “All Whites”. We asked Josh and Callum for their thoughts on the season so far....

JOSH PHILLIPS

“We’ve had a good start to the season, especially after a frustrating first game up Pontypool and an agonising last play loss against Llandovery.

Then going away to the Champions was another level of challenges, and we give an 80 minute performance to come away with our first win. Then to back it up the following week at Duntvont, our temporary home was special. The crowd played a huge part in it, and the boys put all they could into that game. RGC once again up there was another tough challenge that we successfully overcame. So it’s pleasing that we’ve had the start we’ve wanted, and hopefully it can continue against a very good outfit in Carmarthen.”



CALLUM BOWDEN

“I’m really proud of how the team has started this season in Super Rygbi Cymru. From the very beginning of pre-season, the coaches made it clear what standards they expect from us and the kind of team we want to be this year. The playing group is full of exciting talent and I think anyone watching our games can see how tight we are as a squad. Everyone’s willing to work hard for each other and that’s showing in our performances.

We’ve managed to retain a strong core from last season and bring in some quality signings, which has created competition for places every week. That’s helped everyone to raise their standards and keep pushing each other.

After a tough start with two loses, including one that came down to the final kick, it’s been really pleasing to see how the group has responded with three wins on the bounce. It shows the character and also the ability of this team.

This year more than ever, the league is very competitive. Any team can beat anyone on their day, which is a credit to all the clubs involved. We’re pleased to be sitting joint third at this stage, but we know there’s still plenty to improve on. Our focus now is on maintaining our standards, building consistency and continuing to develop our game so we can stay competitive for the rest of the season.”



Welcome to Swansea Gladiators page



Welcome again to the Gladiator page on Swansea's 2nd game at Dunvant RFC.

Unfortunately the game on October 10th was cancelled due to the opposition not being able to field a team, we have though played the mixed ability world champions, Longlevens MA rugby going down 21—40 in fast but error strewn game.

After match hostilities continued on into the bar where we had MOM and Dick of the day for both teams. Our next game is at Worcester on November 1st.

Gladiators MOM

- Michael Gemine -



*If you would like to find out more about the Swansea Gladiators
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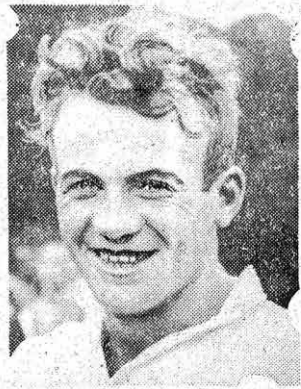
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ANNIVERSARY

NEW ZEALAND BEATEN BY SCHOOLBOY HALF-BACKS



EDDIE LONG—at the head of the All Whites who opposed New Zealand.
"Evening Post" Picture.

Forwards Go Down to Swansea's Glorious Pack

GAME THAT WILL TAKE HIGH PLACE IN RUGBY HISTORY

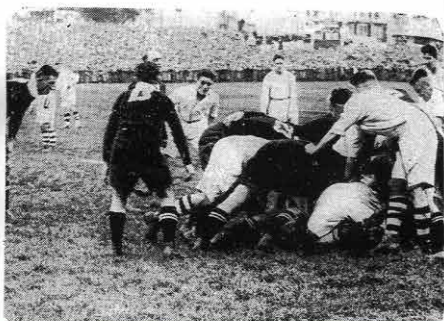
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SPORTING MEMORIES



"The aim of the project is to get older people together to talk about sport. It could be a game they once played in, a great match they witnessed, or meeting a famous sports star from the past.

Through the project, Ospreys in the Community work closely with local sports clubs to provide a friendly welcoming club environment for individuals. They can come for a chat, a cup of tea, a chance to meet new people, and increase their physical activity by participating in some of the activities on offer.

"Our aim is to engage with people in their local rugby or community club. Creating a safe and familiar environment where we can encourage conversations and reminisce about Sport. The programme aims to tackle social isolation and loneliness." - Helen John, Foundation Manager for Wellbeing & EDI.

The Sporting Memories project supports older people living with dementia, depression and loneliness by engaging them in social activities and helping them to recall memories of watching or playing sport. By sharing memories, such as recalling #MyFirstGame and tapping into a passion for sport the project helps people to connect with others and with their past, reawakening positive thoughts and feelings that otherwise remain hidden away.

Sporting Memories takes place at the following locations and times:

Porthcawl Rugby Club- every Monday from 10:30 - 12:30

Neath RFC- every Monday 13:30-15:30

Ynystawe Cricket Club- every Tuesday 10:30-12:30

Swansea RFC- every Tuesday 13:30-15:30

Dunvant RFC- every Wednesday 10:30-12:30

Skewen RFC- every Thursday 10:30-12:30

Aberavon Green Stars RFC- every Thursday 13:30-15:30





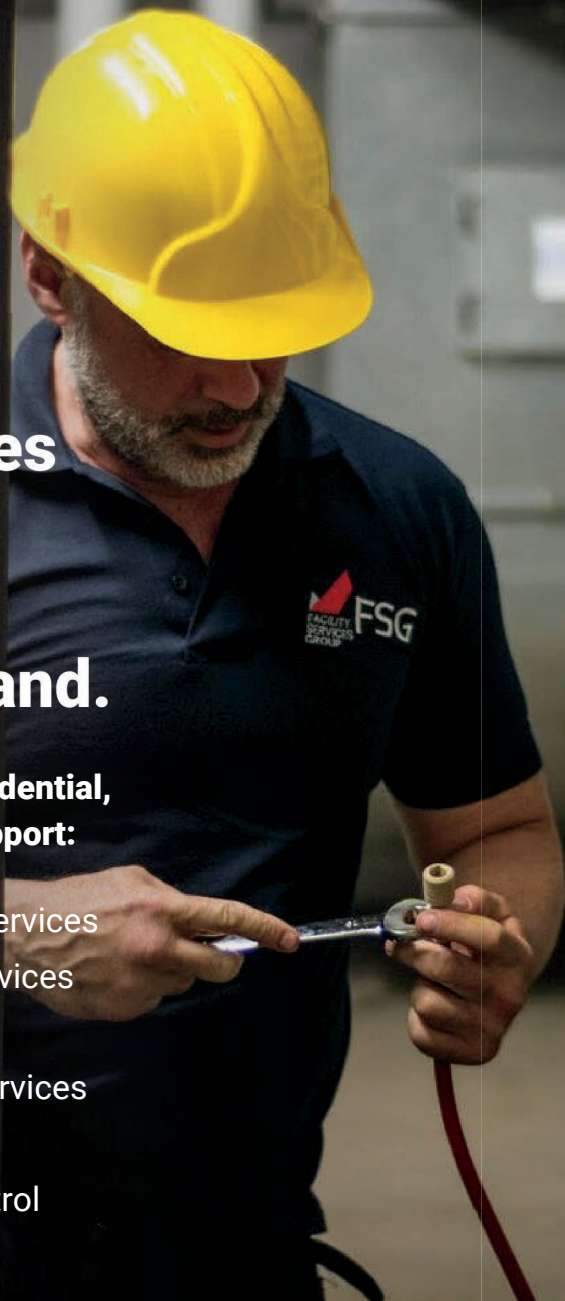
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