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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome Newport

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 league for this season. All at Swansea RFC are delighted and extremely grateful that Dunvant 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.

The new season brings changes in club personnel too and this is a good opportunity to welcome new players and coaches. Among them is head coach John 'JT' Thomas. JT is no stranger to Swansea and Welsh rugby being a former All Whites, Ospreys and Wales player with over 60 caps to his credit. He is an experienced, highly regarded and thoughtful coach. Alongside him another former Swansea (and Aberavon) player, ex Narberth head coach Liam Gadd, is now defence coach and will be joined by current talented player-coach Joe Thomas. Jamie Cox will also be doubling his workload by acting as S&C coach as well as playing to form a strong coaching team. All will work together with co-captains Callum Bowden and Josh Phillips who

are extremely valued playing members of the squad. They will be overseen again by dependable team manager 'JP' Bevan who has worked tirelessly during the pre-season to rearrange fixtures, organise training venues and warm up games while looking after the affairs of the players.

It has been a tough start to the season with three away games played. Nevertheless, all the hard work of the above is bringing rewards. The opener at Pontypool ended in defeat but with Swansea well in the game and a share of the points at Llandovery was snatched away from us with a controversial 'last play' penalty kick. However, at Newport last Saturday the All Whites rallied to gain a magnificent 40-42 points victory. With still a few areas to tidy up commitment is high and improvement is on the way.

Sadly during the summer and more recently Swansea lost three former players from the 1960s who have passed away. Glynneath born, former police officer, back row forward Clive Dyer who captained the All Whites in 1968/69; Dai Davies, Neath born and BP employee who played lock forward in the 1966 victory over Australia; and popular local Olchfa school PE master Morley Walters who also served on the former players committee. All have been remembered in obituaries on the All Whites website and a minute silence will be held before this evening's game.

We welcome Newport and look forward to this evening's match with the coverage by S4C. 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

Happy New Season! A very warm welcome to Broadacre, Duntant for this evening's match in the Super Rygbi Cymru Trophy. Also welcome to all players, supporters, and committee members of Newport this evening.

Duntant has a lot of happy memories for me personally and a friendly welcome is guaranteed! I played Rugby & Cricket here in the late 80's & early 90's and it is fantastic to see that my former front row partners are putting back into this great club as much as they got out of it. I grew up with Anthony Piper (Chairman) & Ted Rees (Treasurer) plus John Arnold (Duntant Athletic Head Coach). They are all club legends in their own right and the club are bending over backwards to accommodate us this season whilst we await the rebuild of our famous St. Helen's Ground just down the road. Duntant's junior section is the heartbeat of the club and with over 450 boys and girls playing at Broadacre, I am sure that we will see many of them here tonight. From everyone at the Swansea RFC, THANK YOU!

If you were not at Newport last week, you missed a real treat. 13 tries, 82 points and end-to-end action throughout. I'm sure that there will be another exciting match in-front of the S4C Clic cameras this evening. A win will put us up to 3rd in the league table which is a far cry from last season as the improvements on the field are evident for all to see. However, beware the wounded animal! Newport have not tasted victory in the league yet this term and I'm sure the champions of the SRC will be busting a gut to get the first 'W' in the league tonight.

Our club shop will look a little bit different tonight. 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 just over 3 weeks' time!

Finally, although there is a Stat Attax page within this programme. Just a few recent achievements to highlight.

Duntant supplied 5 players in the squad at Llanelli Wanderers during our pre-season friendly in August.

Jamie Cox has scored 14 tries in his last 9 starts (including 3 hat-tricks).

Josh Phillips has passed 200 points during the early part of this season in his Swansea career.

Ed Thompson made his 50th appearance in a Swansea shirt earlier this season.

Swansea scored 7 tries in a match last Saturday for the first time in an away league match since 7th May 2016 (v Llanharan 10-48 SWALEC Championship) and since 2nd October 2010 in the top flight (v Glamorgan Wanderers 24-49).

Tonight is our 10th match in history here at Broadacre and our 1st as the home team so let's hope for a victory tonight!

#cmonthewhites

Paul Tabram (Chairman – Swansea Patrons & Supporters Club)

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St Helen's Archive

By Dave Dow (St Helen's Archive Team)



OUR HERITAGE - ALIVE AND KICKING

On behalf of the hardworking St Helen's Archive Team, I wish you all good evening on this a very special occasion for Swansea RFC as we add another location that we may – for now at least – call a “home” ground. Having played on Swansea Sands, the Brynmoor Field, Primrose Field and of course our beloved St Helen's, we find ourselves enjoying the excellent hospitality of the Duvant Club at Broadacre as they celebrate 50 years residence here themselves. As some of you may know, on 3rd September 1975 we helped Duvant RFC celebrate the opening of the ground.

So, why the “Alive and kicking” headline? Well, as is well known, there's a wee bit of uncertainty in the air right now in Welsh rugby. Rather than indulge in the already heavy speculation that I hear at the bar in every location I've supped in recently, I just wanted to come straight out and say that the St Helen's Memorabilia is safe. There you are!

Not only is it safe, but with the well-grounded plans for the development at St Helen's, we will in fact enjoy even more room to display. This has been a constant concern in the depths of the Archive Room. How can we get more displays up? Not only will the current displays in the St Helen's Lounge be updated, with new features added, but we plan more again in the main bar, new grandstand and also to get those wonderful plaques on full view again. In fact, with Ospreys Rugby resident at St Helen's, there are even more opportunities to display, as they are of course, a full part of the St Helen's archive, having resided at the St Helen's Ground for two seasons prior to the then Liberty Stadium move and are now “back in the fold” as it were. So fear not if you should hear the words **“Oh, it's all going on eBay”**. It's probably someone from another cub who wishes they had what we have – a world class collection – and a safe one too!

So what is happening recently in the archive? Well, we were honoured to host a party from Australia in June, who were retracing the steps of the 1868 Aboriginal Cricket Team – the first ever cricket team to leave the shores of Australia for Britain. They brought a wonderful story with them of the trials and tribulations of the Aboriginal cricketers, who played 46 matches in England and ONE in Wales; against the Swansea club! They also brought, by special permission of the Australian Cricket Board, the **Mullagh Medal**, which is awarded after the annual Boxing Day match at the MCG to the player of the match. If you'd like to know more about this truly amazing artefact, then please go to the St Helen's Archive website and enter GS004 in the search box. There is a wonderful direct connection with Swansea that you will want to tell your friends at the bar – you know, the ones who are telling you that the St Helen's Archive collection will be broken up and go to the WRU or “mysteriously just disappear”. Remember the headline – “Alive and kicking”.



Along with the Mullagh medal and the Sketty Primary School project that it gave birth to – watch the website for details – we also had access to the wonderful memorabilia collection of former Wales Women player Lynn St John (**formerly Lynn Delfosse**). At the request of the St Helen's archive, Lynn came along to a recent sporting Memories group to talk about her career and to reflect both retrospectively and to the future of women's rugby – this at a time when so many are watching the Women's Rugby World Cup, either at grounds around England or on the TV, which has seen viewing figures soar. Lynn stayed way after her allotted time, to swap stories with her former Wales team mate and now Ospreys in the Community Officer Helen Carey. If you weren't there, a few of those tales will have

to stay in the St Helen's Lounge – or I'll tell you at the bar if you buy me a pint!

Lynn was kind enough to deposit her jerseys and other memorabilia to be archived before returning to her. So we can add those to the St Helen's Archive in the Women's rugby section, to compliment the display already at St Helen's. We thank Lynn for her generosity.

Back in June we attended the **Antiques Roadshow** on its visit to Swansea Waterside Museum. We're pleased to say that the items we took with us made a big impression with the touring experts and impressed enough to gain us a prominent place in a forthcoming broadcast of the popular BBC programme. To see what we displayed in the show, look out for announcements when the broadcast date is released.

As we prepared for the arrival of Ospreys Rugby to St Helen's the top archive rooms had to be cleared and all contents brought downstairs for safekeeping during building work. Most of these items are still awaiting archiving and among them was a photograph that some will remember being on display – the signed image of **Diana Princess of Wales**. This was donated by her in a 1992 visit to St Helen's, a visit that brought forth several amusing stories involving "All White" back row Richard Webster. Again, you're welcome to the full story, but it may cost a pint! We very much hope to be able to place this photograph back on display once we have secured a location and ensured that UV protection will prevent the now faint signature from fading further.

There's more. Tonight in our midst is **Thia Markson**, the rugby historian of the Bay Area Touring Side (**B.A.T.S.**) of **California**. The side no longer plays but has a strong connection to Welsh rugby and in our own case, a very strong connection with Swansea RFC. The St Helen's Archive is the very fortunate recipient of some unique memorabilia connected with ourselves and the Californian rugby scene of the 1970s and 1980s, for which we thank Thia and the former players back in the USA. I will not elaborate further, as Thia has written her own piece in tonight's match programme at our invitation. I'm sure she can tell her and the B.A.T.S. tale and that of rugby in California and beyond much better than I can. But if you see her this evening, and I'm sure you will, be sure to give her a warm Swansea RFC welcome as she's come a long way to be with us and has some wonderful stories.



So as you see, there's plenty going on all year round and we are busy putting on presentations at Sporting Memories or external venues and following up the large number of enquiries about family members who used to play for Swansea. Helping relatives to complete a **Past Player Profile** ensures that the player and their story live on for future generations. So if you think you have a story to add, please let us know, either via Swansea RFC or the contact form on the amazing St Helen's Archive website.

In visiting different clubs with Thia Markson over the last few days, one thing that has struck me is that all of them know about our **Player Legacy Numbers** and about some of the work we are doing, so we must be doing something right. So, if you do happen to hear a negative comment (In South Wales? Surely not!) about the future of our club and our unique archive, you can tell them the stories you've garnered off the archive website (once they've bought you a pint, of course!) and you can say that both are....

....**Alive and kicking**

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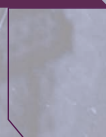


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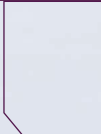


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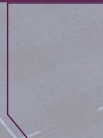


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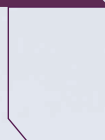
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PLAYER PROFILE

By Ruby Butt



NAME: **IWAN RHYS GLYNN**

AGE: **22**

POSITION: **FULL BACK / WING**

PLAYER LEGACY NO: **#3057**

WHITES
DEBUT: **Cup v Newport**

WHITES APPEARANCES: **12**

PREVIOUS JUNIOR/SENIOR CLUBS

Carmarthen Athletic, Hartpury College, Gloucester Academy

EDUCATION:

Hartpury College, Hartpury University

PRE-MATCH RITUALS:

None.

RANDOM FACT:

Represented Wales in athletics 7 times

FAVOURITE PLAYER GROWING UP:

Lee Byrne

OTHER SPORTS PLAYED

Football and Athletics

PRE-MATCH PLAYLIST?

Whatever Joe Thomas is playing on the speaker

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MATCH REPORT

By: Paul Hopkins

NEWPORT 40 - 42 SWANSEA

It was a performance of the ages from the All Whites as they overcame a 16 point deficit to beat Super Rugby Cymru champions Newport 42-40 in their own backyard.

After a slow opening period, lock Callum Bradbury took a lineout on half way, but fellow second row man Josh Skinner inexplicably chipped ahead, only for the Whites to feed the ball out to full back Lewis Edwards, who chipped ahead, but winger Fin Baker got back to defend and clear.

Winger Iwan Glynn superbly chipped high and gathered his own kick on the Newport 22, but the visitors' supporting forwards were too slow to arrive, so they surrendered possession.

Flanker Brandon Owens was turned over on half way, with fly half Jac Lloyd finding touch with a grubber kick on the Newport 22. The first try soon followed when centre Dai Richards dummied a pass and broke through a weak tackle to touch down under the posts. Lloyd converted.

Centre Chay Foster-Smith weaved past a tackle over half way, but the supporting winger Morgan Williams was penalised for holding on after the tackle, allowing fly half Josh Phillips to chip to touch.

Lock Matt Dodd tapped back a lineout and prop Daf Davies made good yards into the 22, but prop Ed Thompson dropped a pass and the move came to an end.

The visitors then scored a try out of nowhere when scrum half Matthew Aubrey nipped in to intercept a long pass, as he raced 60 metres downfield to touch down with ease. Phillips missed the conversion.

Phillips took the ball inside his own 22, but his up and under attempt went awfully wrong, as the ball was taken by Foster-Smith, who set up a Newport attack, allowing scrum half Lucas Welch to nip in for a try under the posts. Lloyd converted.

The visitors were caught offside in midfield so Lloyd found touch inside the attacking 22 with his kick. Skinner just about collected the lineout as his pack mauled forward, forcing the Whites to commit a further offside offence at the breakdown. Lloyd again kicked into the corner.

Bradbury this time took the lineout and a third try came about when hooker Wade Langley peeled off an advancing maul to score. Lloyd converted.

Aubrey made 15 metres upfield from a quick tap penalty after the home side gave away a penalty at the breakdown, but the supporting winger Ieuan Cornelius lost possession forward on the 22.

Lloyd misjudged a clearance kick as the ball had been passed back inside his 22, gifting the Whites an attacking lineout. Dodd tapped the ball back to number eight Callum Bowden and a clever flip pass by Aubrey found Cornelius,

but play was brought back for a visitors' penalty.

The Whites made major inroads into the game when Phillips chose to kick into the corner and lock Chris Thompson took the lineout, with backs joining the maul to send hooker Rhodri King over for a try. Phillips converted.

The visitors almost made a complete mess of collecting the restart but Williams wasn't quite able to collect the bouncing ball and Swansea cleared, sparing their blushes.

However, Bradbury took the lineout and made a few yards into the 22, with the powerful Foster-Smith showing great strength, before the Whites' were penalised for diving over the top. Lloyd chose to dink the ball into the corner.

Skinner took the lineout, which turned into an inevitable rolling maul from, and Langley touched down for a try. Lloyd converted.

Number eight Iwan Rhys Davies was yellow carded for a dangerous tackle on half way, so Phillips was able to find touch inside the Newport 22. A powerful maul from 10 metres out saw the Whites use their man advantage to send King over for a try. Phillips missed the conversion.

Bradbury took a lineout on half way, but his side lost possession, allowing Richards to set up an attack, with flanker Kyle Tayler yellow carded for a professional foul. Phillips chipped to the corner and Bowden wasn't able to cleanly take the lineout, but Phillips' crossfield chip sailed into touch as his side wasted the chance.

HALF-TIME:- NEWPORT 28 - 17 SWANSEA

The visitors looked to press home their two man advantage as the second half began, and flanker Ethan Fackrell raced across the 22, before neat handling between Edwards and centre Callum Carson, sent Cornelius over for a try at the corner. Phillips' conversion attempt hit the outside of the post.

Cornelius looked to race down the wing from his own 22, but he was turned over and instead the Black and Ambers began an attack, but the move petered out as Glynn cleared.

Moments later a superb move by the Black and Ambers saw the ball swept out to Williams, who backed his pace to race clear for a try. Lloyd missed the conversion.

Carson dummied his way past a tackler and found Cornelius on his shoulder, before centre Joe Thomas powered over the 22 and the home side gave away a penalty, which Phillips chipped into the corner, but the visitors lost the lineout so Lloyd was able to clear.

Edwards used his strength to recover from a poor pass and Thomas was tackled in midfield, but Carson's chip through

was easily dealt with by the Newport defence.

Replacement lock Cai Arnold took a lineout just shy of the Newport 22 and the Whites' pack mauled forward, earning a penalty, which Phillips again kicked into the corner. The Newport defence repelled the maul, with Bowden held up just short of the line, before the Swansea attack remained patient with Ed Thompson powering over for a try. Phillips converted.

The visitors took the lead for the first time when a pass was fired out wide to Glynn, who used his devastating pace to score a well taken try in the corner. Phillips missed the conversion.

Swansea were in dreamland just minutes later when Aubrey fired out a pass to Carson, who raced past a few Newport defenders to squeeze over for a fantastic try in the corner. Phillips missed the conversion.

Baker fielded a kick and found full back Carwyn Penny, who raced ran at the Swansea defence, before replacement flanker Morgan Burgess was wrapped up, but substitute prop Nathan Davies lost the ball forward.

A chip and chase by Penny almost sent Foster-Smith racing clear, but a professional foul by Glynn gave Newport a penalty, which Lloyd chipped to the corner. A well taken lineout saw replacement scrum half Dafydd Buckland burrow over for a try. Lloyd converted.

Newport gave away a penalty inside their own 22 after the forwards failed to roll away from a tackle. With five minutes of normal time remaining, Phillips chose to kick into the corner. A second penalty followed, which was closer infield,

so Phillips successfully kicked Swansea into the lead.

Foster-Smith tried a clever chip across field, meant for Richards, but it was too strong and the ball ended up bouncing into touch to give Swansea a lineout on half way. Newport looked to attack through replacement winger Harrison Jones with time running out, but Penny was tackled into touch on the 22, and the full time whistle blew moments later, sending the All Whites' players into raptures.

It won't take long for hostilities to resume though, with the reverse fixture taking place just five days later at Swansea's temporary ground in Broadacre, Dunvant.

FULL-TIME:- NEWPORT 40 - 42 SWANSEA

NEWPORT SCORERS:

Tries:- Dai Richards (9), Lucas Welch (19), Wade Langley (24, 35), Morgan Williams (47), Dafydd Buckland (69)

Cons:- Jac Lloyd (10, 20, 25, 36, 70)

Yellow cards:- Ioan Rhys Davies (37), Kyle Tayler (40+1)

SWANSEA SCORERS:

Tries:- Matthew Aubrey (16), Rhodri King (31, 38), Ieuan Cornelius (43), Ed Thompson (58), Iwan Glynn (60), Callum Carson (63)

Cons:- Josh Phillips (32, 59)

Pens:- Josh Phillips (76)

Yellow cards:- Iwan Glynn (68)

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MATCH FACTS

Venue:- Newport Stadium, Newport | **Weather:-** Light cloud, 16C

Referee:- Matthew Leon | **Attendance:-** 900 | **Man of the Match:-** Callum Carson

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	
Sat 18 Oct	14:30	RGC 1404	Stadiwm CSM, Colwyn Bay	
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	3	3	0	0	130	54	76	18	7	3	3	18
LLANDOVERY	3	3	0	0	102	82	20	14	11	3	0	15
CARMARTHEN QUINS	3	2	0	1	84	72	12	10	11	1	1	10
ABERAVON	3	2	0	1	82	95	-13	11	14	1	0	9
CARDIFF	3	1	0	2	100	127	-27	14	18	2	2	8
SWANSEA	3	1	0	2	86	99	-13	12	13	2	1	7
BRIDGEND RAVENS	3	1	0	2	79	95	-16	11	13	2	1	7
RGC 1404	3	1	0	2	85	102	-17	11	13	2	0	6
NEWPORT	3	0	0	3	84	97	-13	13	14	2	3	5
PONTYPOOL	3	1	0	2	51	60	-9	6	6	0	0	4

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Team line-ups are subject to change*

(Full Back)	LEWIS EDWARDS	#3048
(Winger)	IWAN GLYNN	#3057
(Centre)	CALLUM CARSON	#2836
(Centre)	JOE THOMAS	#2748
(Winger)	IEAUN CORNELIUS	#3053
(Fly Half)	JOSH PHILLIPS	#3040
(Scrum Half)	IWAN TEMBLETT	#3043
(Prop)	DAF DAVIES	#3023
(Hooker)	JAMIE COX	#3015
(Prop)	ED THOMPSON	#3014
(2nd Row)	CHRIS THOMPSON	#2988
(2nd Row)	BEN ROBERTS	#3046
(Flanker)	CALLUM BOWDEN	#2865
(Flanker)	ETHAN FACKRELL	#3067
(No8)	JACOB HOPKINS	#3062
(Reps)	RHODRI KING	#3064
(Reps)	LOGAN HEAVEN-HEARNE	#3069
(Reps)	TOM CROCKETT	#2963
(Reps)	CAI ARNOLD	#3061
(Reps)	BRANDON OWENS	#3072
(Reps)	KAI INKER	#3070
(Reps)	LUKE DAVIES	#3045
(Reps)	WILLIS WOOD	#2894

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(Full Back)	CARWYN PENNY
(Winger)	FINN BAKER
(Centre)	DAI RICHARDS
(Centre)	JAC LLOYD
(Winger)	MORGAN WILLIAMS
(Fly Half)	MATT O'BRIEN
(Scrum Half)	DAFYDD BUCKLAND [C]
(Prop)	JORDAN MORRIS
(Hooker)	HENRY PALMER
(Prop)	GARIN HARRIS
(2nd Row)	JOSH SKINNER
(2nd Row)	MORGAN BURGESS
(Flanker)	TIGER CHATHAM
(Flanker)	JOSH REID
(No8)	CERRIG SMITH
(Reps)	ANEURIN JENKINS
(Reps)	OLLIE DRAKE
(Reps)	TOM WORKMAN
(Reps)	CALLUM BRADBURY
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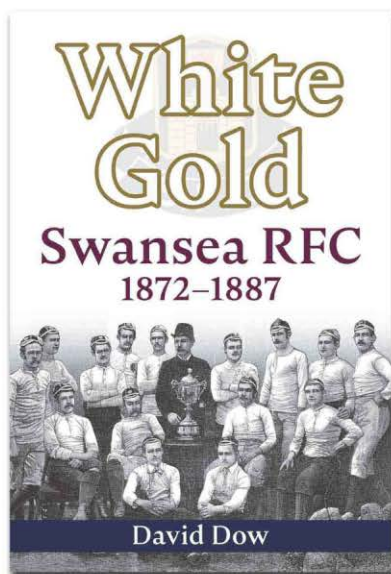
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October in History

On this day and month in history

This is the 24th time a match has been played by Swansea RFC in our history on 2nd October. The first being in 1886 ironically against tonight's opponents Newport. This was Swansea's 163rd ever match that took place at Rodney Parade. Other memorable matches played on 2nd October are:-

1920	Swansea 6-5 Bath
1976	Harlequins 10-16 Swansea
1990	Swansea 35-0 Cross Keys
1993	Swansea 30-10 Pontypool
1999	Dunvant 19-19 Swansea
2010	Glamorgan Wanderers 24-49 Swansea

This evening will be the 671st match the Swansea have played in October.

Matches Played 670	Swansea Won 369	Swansea Lost 253	Matches Drawn 48
Points Scored By Swansea 9641	Points Scored By Opponents 7488		
Tries 1576	Conversions 767	Penalties 645	Drop Goals 117
			Goals From Mark 1

There is not yet a full history of opponents statistics.

Record Scores By Swansea

Amman United 7 Swansea 100 at Cwmmamman Park, Glanamman in the SWALEC Cup on 25th October 1998. This was during the rebel season of 1998/99 when Swansea were forced to start the cup campaign from the opening round of the competition. Swansea famously won the cup competition during this season.

Swansea 78 Newport 6 at St. Helen's, Swansea on 14th October 1995 (Welsh League)

Swansea 73 L'Aquila 3 at St. Helen's, Swansea on 28th October 2000 (Heineken Cup)

Swansea Individual Records

On 20 occasions, Swansea players have scored 20 or more points in a match. Aled Williams achieved this feat six times and scored 33 points at St. Helen's, when Newport were the visitors on 14th October 1995. He scored 2 tries, 7 conversions and 3 penalties that afternoon. Other players to have achieved this feat are: Arwel Thomas (four times) Luke Richards & Mark Wyatt (twice), Liam Popham, Nicky J Thomas, Matthew Morgan, Matthew Robinson, Lee Davies & Colin Charvis (once)

Swansea Try Hat-Tricks

On 29 occasions Swansea players have scored three or more tries in a match in October. However, one occasion in 1905, Billy Trew scored a record-equalling six tries against a Swansea District XV. Four players have crossed the whitewash four times in a match, that are; Matthew Robinson, Colin Charvis, Bledwyn Taylor & David Weaver. Dewi Bebb has the most try hat-tricks in October with three and they were achieved on consecutive years between 1963 and 1965 against Halifax, Leicester & Garryowen all at St. Helen's.

Did You Know?

Swansea went 8 years and 34 matches without losing a match in October. The run started on 23rd October 1897 and ended 14th October 1905. Out of those 34 matches Llanelli were defeated 8 times! (5 at St. Helen's and 3 at Stradey Park). During this period Swansea amassed 570 points and only conceded 22.

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Many came from San Francisco before me to the land of green grass pitches and Red Dragons.

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Then I came in September of 2025 bringing the memories and memorabilia of those who came before me so their stories would be shared where they were created, on the rugby pitches of Swansea and other clubs nearby.

The rugby clubs from San Francisco knew the Welsh players were hard to beat, born on the soil that fed their souls and filled their hearts from a hundred years past. But if they could play against such fierce competition, they knew they could learn to be better and that was always the goal for touring. "Play the best to become the best" was a BATS motto.



I am the daughter of the Athletic Trainer, the little sister to the players, and the niece to the Administrators who raised me in the sidelines of pitches throughout California. I watched them play, helped patch them up, and listened to their stories of the time they played against Phil Bennett, Ray Gravel, Merv the Swerve, and a few others.

They were beaten by Swansea, and they stole victory from Ebbw Vale when they wore their California Poppies jersey. A major accomplishment from a California team, that by Welsh standards were young in experience of years playing but made up for it with their physical size and determination to learn from the best.

But win or lose they all agreed the best time on tour was always in Wales.

So I can say, in my time among such wonderful Welsh people at Llanelli, Tenby and most of all Swansea, they were absolutely right! Your welcoming hospitality, gorgeous pitches, and wealth of history on display in the club houses is making my heart fill to the brim with happiness.

To share the memories and memorabilia with you all is to honor those who came before me and now they will be remembered long after I return home.

Being the first American member of the Association of Rugby Historians and Statisticians has brought me here to see how history is preserved, whether it's a slip of handwritten notes, or a well documented match. It's a beautiful sight to see the Archives at St. Helen's and why it all matters from the years gone by.

All that we leave behind is our stories for others to remember us by. I am so grateful to be able to be here today to share the stories of the Californians who came before me for the Welsh people and others who will come after me to see your lovely country.

By Thia Markson



“Please don’t tell them we were beaten by schoolboys!”

Gowerton Grammar Schoolboy Haydn Tanner at scrum-half, bedazzles the 1935 All Blacks

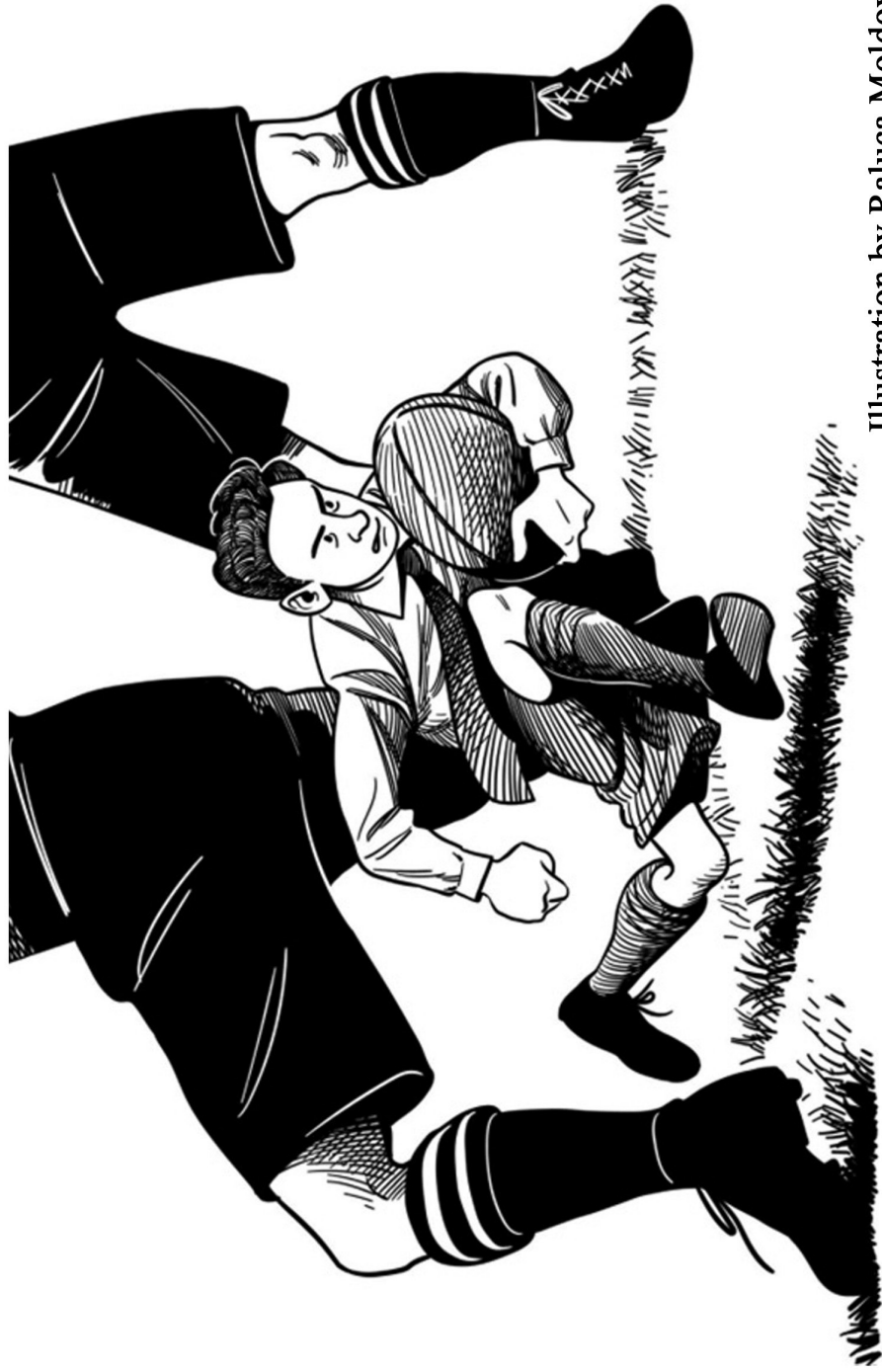


Illustration by Raluca Moldovan

Welcome to Swansea Gladiators page



Welcome to Swansea RFC's first home game and Gladiators first page of the 25/26 season.

Quite a bit has changed in the Gladiator world since the last game at St Helen's.

We have taken part in the 4th mixed ability world tournament where we finished a credible 3rd whilst playing in 38 degree heat, We have also moved away from our previous home of 24 years to tonight's hosts Dunvant RFC where we have had a good welcome, some of our players took part in the Swansea 10k run, all finishing with better times than last year and managed to raise **£675** towards the Glads.

Our next game will be on Friday October 10th at Dunvant RFC, all welcome!!



If you would like to find out more about the Swansea Gladiators get in touch via social media or drop a message to our Team Manager on 07905 603 531 OR contact Tony on 07751 914 138.

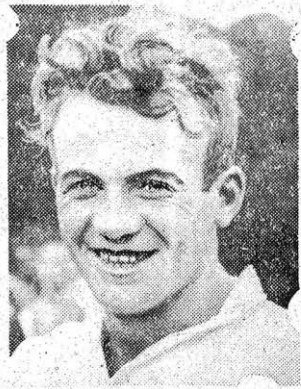
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NEW ZEALAND BEATEN BY SCHOOLBOY HALF-BACKS



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

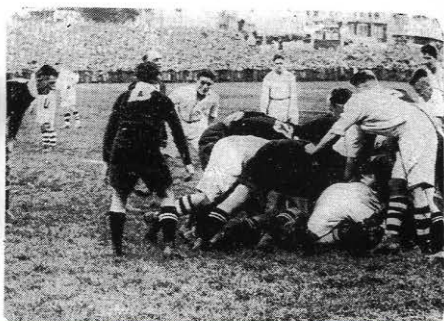
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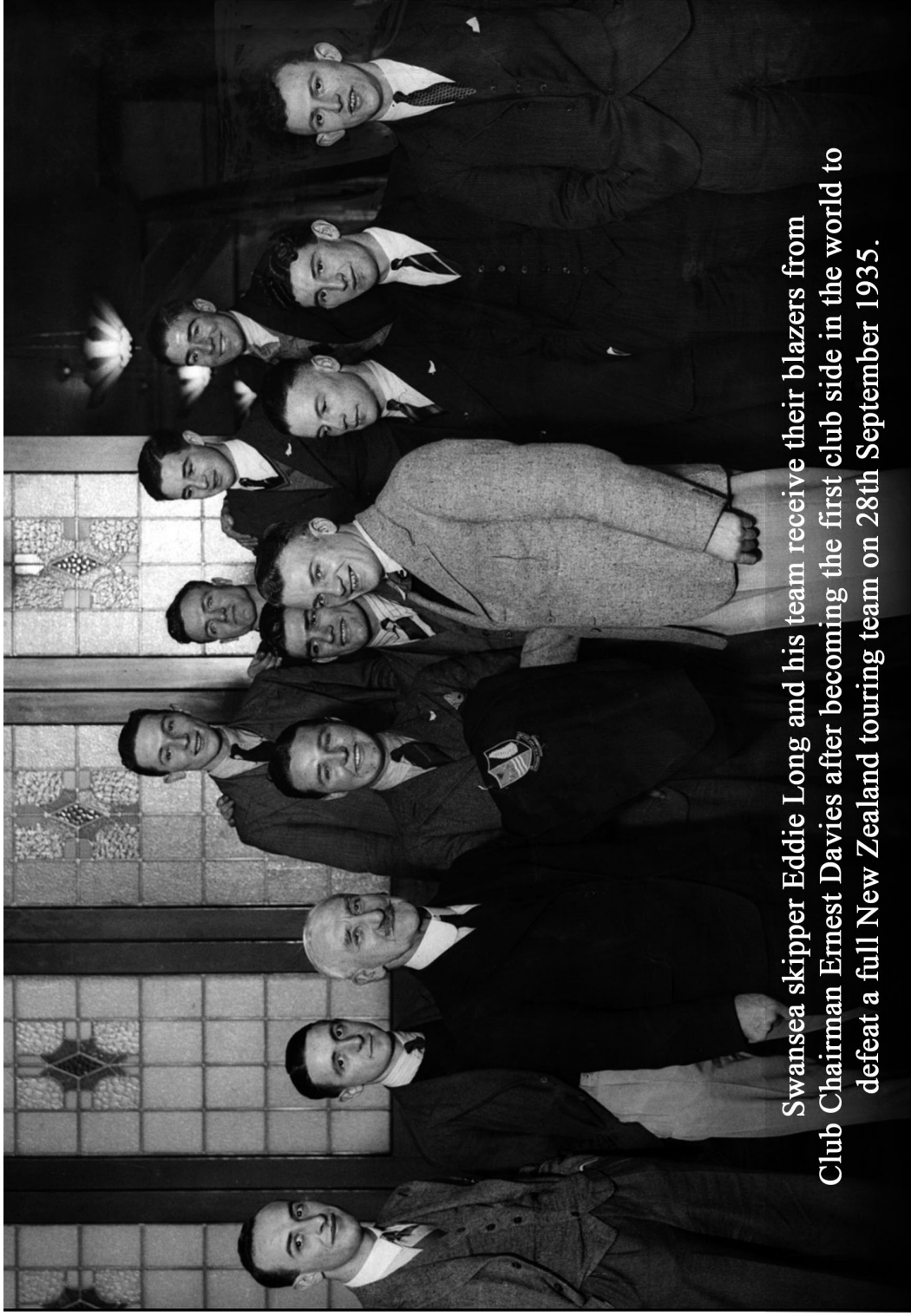
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Swansea	1	2	11
New Zealand	0	1	3

Attendance, 35,000.

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SWANSEA'S SENSATIONAL RUGBY VICTORY





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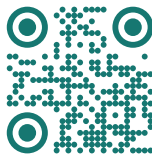
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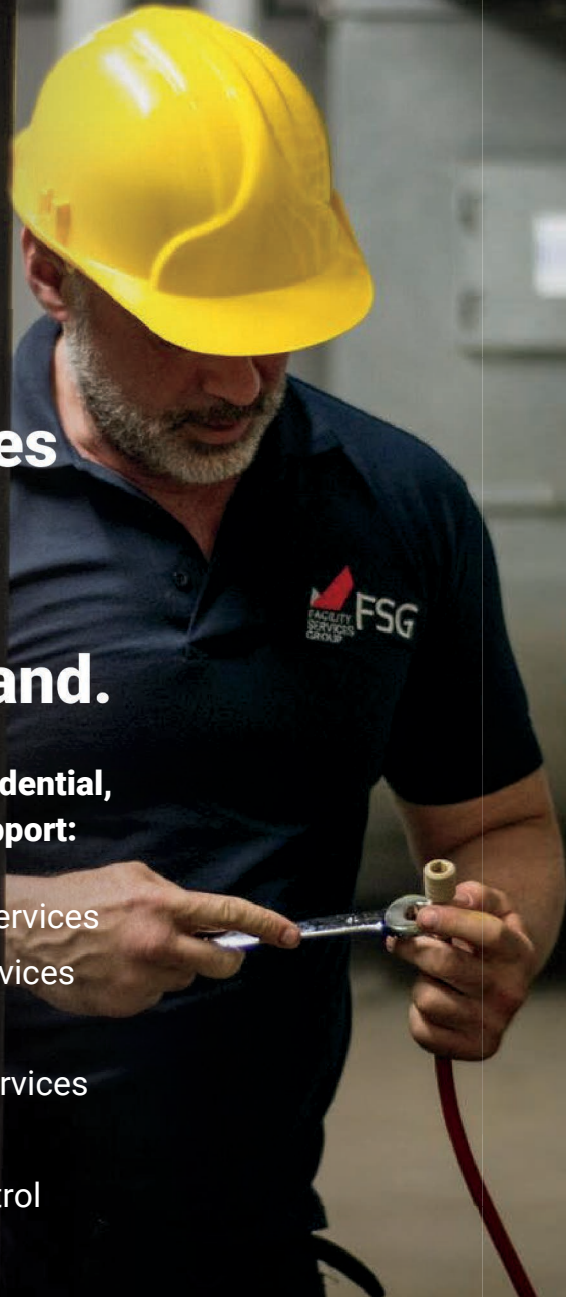
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