



CARDIFF RFC

Annual Caps Presentation and Hall of Fame Dinner



Season 2018/2019

Order of the Evening

Welcome

Grace

Starters

Caps Presentation

Main Course

Other Presentations

Player of the Year

Players Player of the Year

Chairman's Award

Blazers and Framed Shirts

Dessert

Hall of Fame Presentation



Menu

Cream of Leek & Potato Soup, Mini Rarebit

Supreme of Chicken, Rosemary Sauce served
with Dauphinoise Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

Lemon Tart, Raspberry Coulis, Fresh Berries

Caps Presented to

Zach O'Driscoll

Morgan Allen

Martin Roberts

Tom Daley

Thomas Davies

Joe Gatt

Sam Pailor

Steffan Jones

Kieran Martin

Ben Thomas

Mathew Powell

Edd Howley

Kieron Brown

Tribute to Steve Ford

Steve Ford is a Cardiff rugby legend. A proud Cardiff boy, he played his first game for the club against South Wales Police in 1985, joining from the Rumney RFC and making his debut alongside another Cardiff icon, Mike Rayer. By his own description, Steve was a slight player who never weighed more than 12st, but he also had fantastic pace and an elusive sidestep which defined his rugby career.

He played only one game that first season and the following before falling foul to a 'life-time' ban from rugby union, having played in a trial and then cup match matches for Leeds rugby league team in 1986. A two-year battle against the ban then ensued. This eventually proved successful, enabling Steve to return to Cardiff colours in an away game to Aberavon in 1988, an event which he celebrated with the first of his 24 tries that season.

In his twelve seasons with the club between 1985-1998, Steve played 234 games for Cardiff, scoring an incredible 198 tries in the process. He scored five tries in a match on no less than five occasions (v Nottingham, 1990; Plymouth Albion, 1993; Pontypool, 1995; Abertillery, 1996; and Dinas Powis, 1997). In the latter game, he broke Bleddyn Williams club try scoring record that had stood for forty-two years; Steve remains the record holder to this day and it is unlikely that his achievements will be ever surpassed. His best season was in 1994-5, during which he achieved a remarkable 39 touchdowns. Steve also scored hat-tricks on twelve occasions and four tries in a further four matches throughout his Cardiff career.

Steve made his international debut in 1990, scoring in the Five Nations match against Ireland. He went on to gain eight caps, scoring two tries in the process. In a recent interview with Simon Thomas, Steve described his feelings regarding Cardiff Arms Park, saying 'It was just a special place to play rugby and being a Cardiff lad made it that bit more special'.

Congratulations to a great club man and our 2019 Cardiff Rugby Football Hall of Fame inductee-Mr. Steve Ford