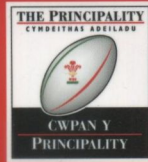
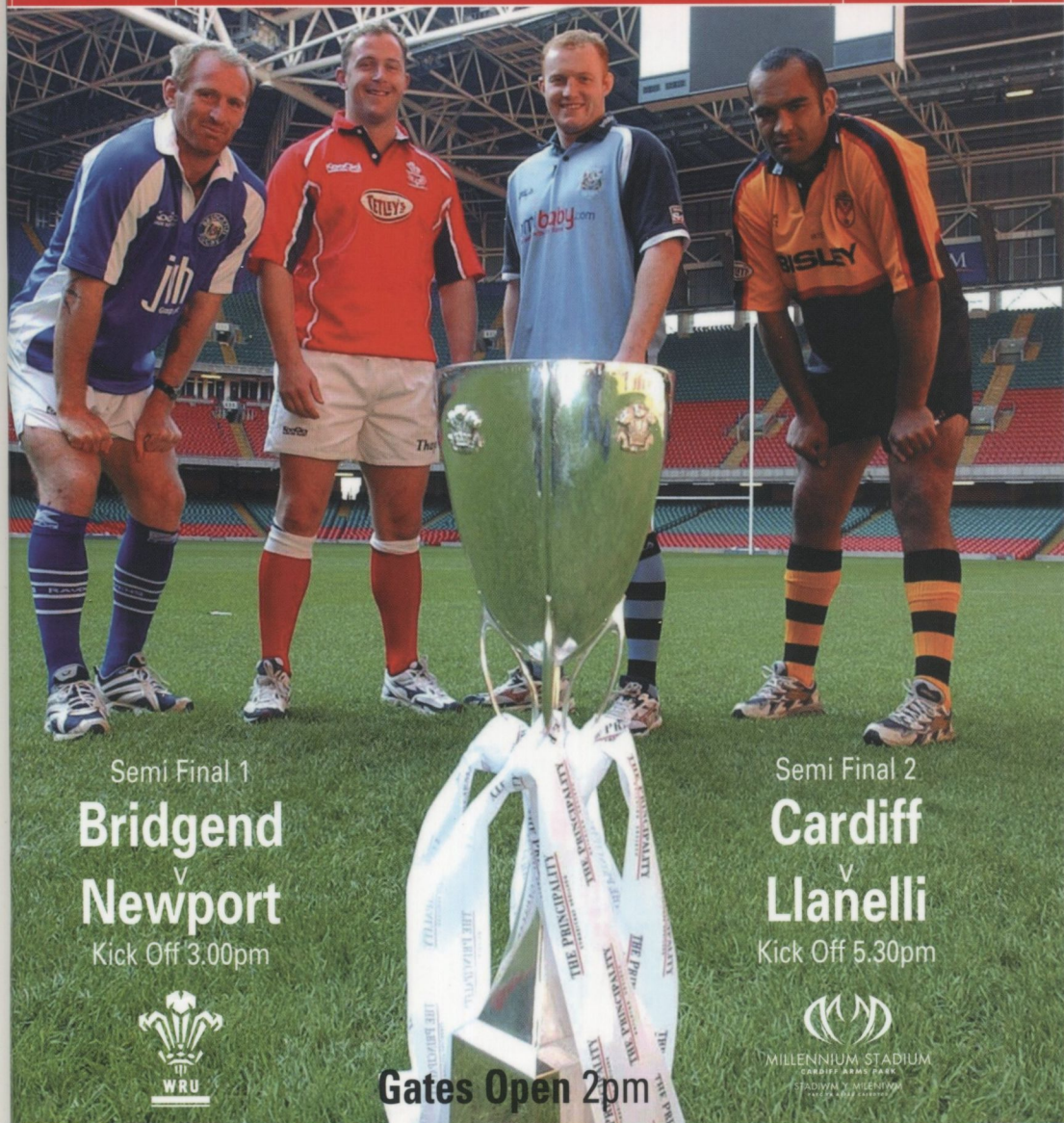


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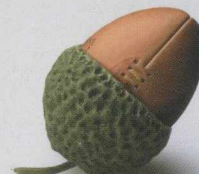
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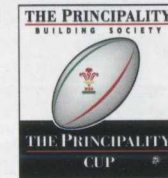


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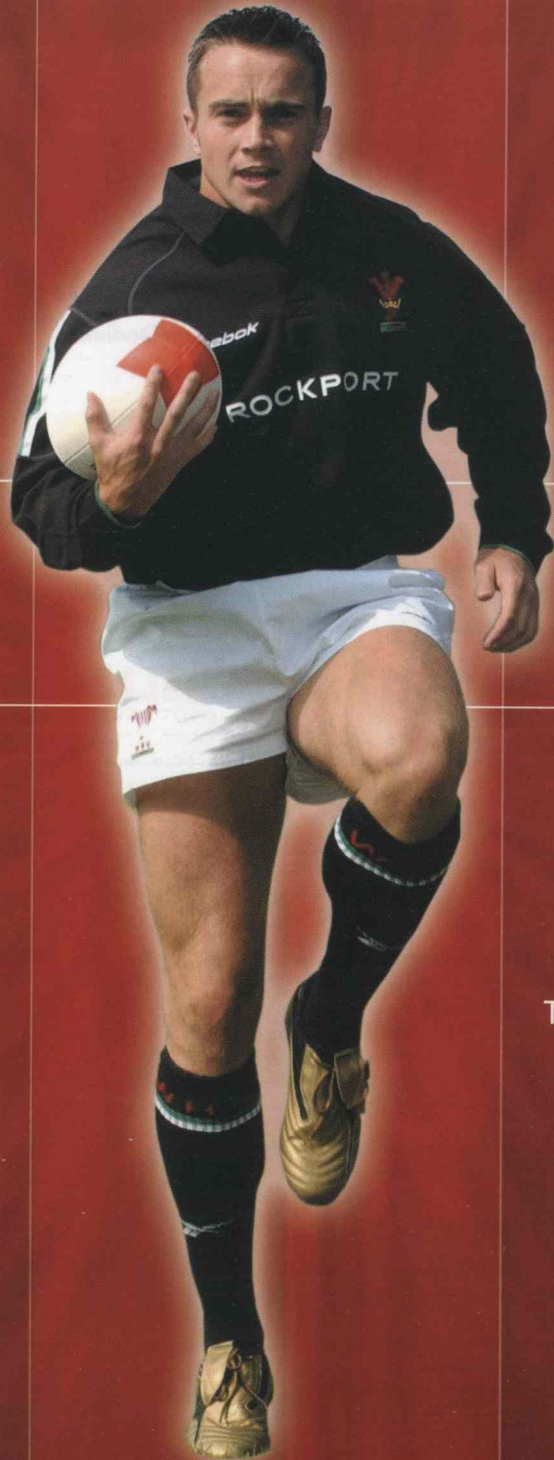


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The President's MESSAGE



Neges Y LLYWYDD

These four famous Welsh teams have emerged to contest this afternoon's Principality Cup semi-finals in outstanding form. In their quarter-finals in particular they have played rugby of a very high quality.

Newport, Bridgend, Cardiff and Llanelli are all past winners of Welsh rugby's 32-year-old Challenge Cup tournament and one of them will go on to lift the trophy again when the final is played here at the Millennium Stadium in two weeks time.

The near future for all these clubs is likely to be very different from what they have been used to for such a long time. That may, to some extent, affect the way they approach the games this afternoon.

They are bound to want to make a favourable impression in a way in which rugby should be played, especially in the Welsh context. This afternoon there will simply be four of our finest teams of the moment striving for domestic supremacy in encounters which will, I anticipate, sharpen the keenness which, in the past, has marked encounters between these old rivals.

Only the rash and foolish would forecast the results. I am determined not to join them.

Good luck to all four teams.

Mae'r pedwar tîm Cymreig enwog hyn wedi ymgasglu heddiw i gystadlu yn Rownd Gynderfynol Cwpan y Principality ac maent oll ar eu gorau. Yn Rownd yr Wyth Olaf yn arbennig, maent wedi chwarae rygbi o ansawdd uchel iawn.

Mae Casnewydd, Pen-y-bont, Caerdydd a Llanelli wedi ennill cystadleuaeth Cwpan Cymru yn ystod 32 blynedd ei hanes, ac fe fydd un yn mynd yn eu blaenau i'w ennill eto, pan fydd y Rownd Derfynol yma yn Stadiwm y Mileniwm ymhen pythefnos.

Mae dyfodol agos y clybiau hyn i gyd yn debygol o fod yn wahanol iawn i'r hyn y maent wedi arfer â hi ers cymaint o amser. Gall hyn i raddau effeithio ar y ffordd y byddant yn mynd at y gornestau heddiw.

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Pob hwyl i'r pedwar clwb.

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President, Welsh Rugby Union

Y Gwir Anrhydeddus Syr Tasker Watkins, VC GBE DL
Llywydd, Undeb Rygbi Cymru

PRINCIPALITY CUP SEMI-FINALS PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

2.00 PM	Gates open to the public
2.00-7.30 PM	Bars open on Levels 3 and 4
3.00 PM	First Semi-Final: BRIDGEND V NEWPORT
4.30 PM	End of First Semi-Final (extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played if required)
4.45-4.50 PM	Mascots Grand National Race
5.30 PM	Second Semi-Final: CARDIFF V LLANELLI
7.00 PM	End of Second Semi-Final (extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played if required)



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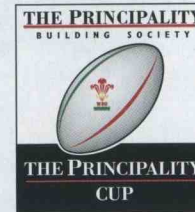
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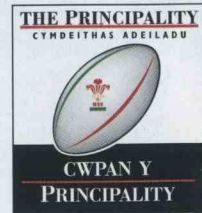
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A welcome from
Peter Griffiths,
Chief Executive,
Principality Building Society
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Peter Griffiths (Chief Executive)



Croeso oddi wrth
Peter Griffiths,
Prif Weithredwr,
Cymdeithas Adeiladu'r Principality
Noddwyr Cwpan y Principality

Welcome!

On behalf of Principality Building Society, I am delighted to welcome you to semi-final day of the Principality Cup. We are especially proud to be associated with today's two matches as they represent the third Principality Cup semi-final 'double header' in the magnificent surroundings of the Millennium Stadium.

Back in the autumn of 2002, when this year's tournament kicked-off, more than 230 teams embarked on the quest for cup success. After much competitive rugby football through the winter months and into the spring, they have been whittled down to the last four we have before us here today – namely Bridgend, Cardiff, Llanelli and Newport.

All four are from clubs steeped in the traditions of Welsh rugby's flagship competition and they will all be striving to reach the Principality Cup final.

Tradition, of course, is something shared by Principality Building Society, which has been providing a service to our members across Wales for some 143 years. We see the link between our society and this competition as extremely important, not least because it has helped the WRU to support Welsh rugby at grass roots level. We believe that the development of rugby's youth programmes at local clubs together with the skills workshops that are held all over the country are key to future success at club and international level.

The success of our society derives from the strength of our roots in communities throughout Wales. This is in much the same way as Welsh rugby's strength is based on the healthy competition between clubs and communities.

Finally, I wish all four teams the best of luck in their matches today and hope that skill and teamwork will be rewarded.

Enjoy today's games!

Peter L. Griffiths
Chief Executive

Croeso!

Ar ran Cymdeithas Adeiladu'r Principality, mae'n bleser gen i eich croesawu i gêmau cynderfynol Cwpan y Principality. Rydyn ni'n arbennig o fâch i fod yn gysylltiedig â'r ddwy gêm heddiw oherwydd dyma'r trydydd tro i ni gael dwy gêm gynderfynol yng Nghwpan y Principality ar faes gwych Stadiwm y Mileniwm.

Yn ôl yn hydref 2002, pan ddechreuodd gormest y flwyddyn hon, rhoddodd mwy na 230 o dîmau gynnig ar lwyddiant yng nghystadleuaeth y cwpan. Ar ôl llawer o gystadlu brwd dros fisoedd y gaeaf ac yn ystod y gwanwyn, mae'r pedwar tîm sydd ar ôl yn cwrdd heddiw, sef Penybont ar Ogor, Caerdydd, Llanelli a Chasnewydd.

Mae'r pedwar yn glybiau sydd â'u traddodiadau'n ddwfn ym mhhrif gystadleuaeth rygbi yng Nghymru a byddant i gyd yn brwydro i gymraedd gêm derfynol Cwpan y Principality.

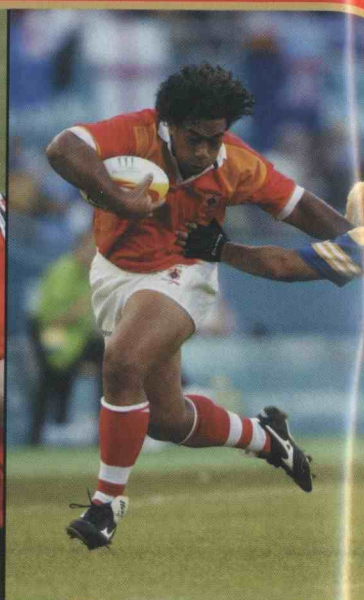
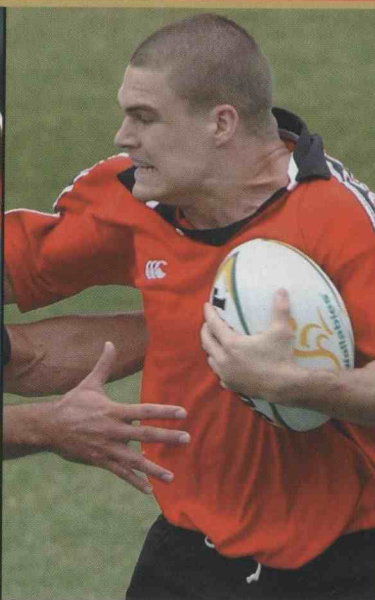
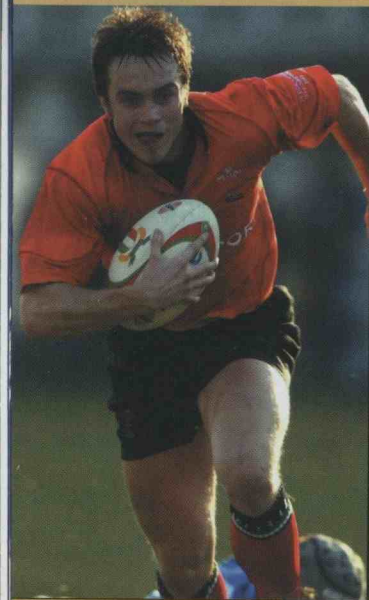
Mae traddodiad wrth gwrs yn bwysig iawn hefyd i Gymdeithas Adeiladu'r Principality, sydd wedi bod yn darparu gwasanaeth i'n haelodau ledled Cymru am ryw 143 o flynyddoedd. Rydyn ni'n ystyried fod y cysylltiad rhwng ein cymdeithas ni â'r gystadleuaeth hon yn holl-bwysig, nid lleiaf oherwydd ei fod wedi helpu Undeb Rygbi Cymru i gefnogi rygbi yng Nghymru ar lefel sylfaenol y dybiau. Credwn mai datblygu rhaglenni rygbi i'r ifanc mewn clybiau lleol ynghyd â'r gweithdai ymarferol a gynhelir ledled y wlad fydd yr allwedd i lwyddiant yn y dyfodol ar lefel dwb ac yn rhyngwladol.

Mae lwyddiant ein cymdeithas yn deillio o gryfder ein gwreiddiau yn y cymunedau ledled Cymru. Mae hyn yn ddigon tebyg i'r ffordd y mae cryfder rygbi yng Nghymru yn seiliedig ar gystadleuaeth iach rhwng clybiau a chymunedau.

I gloi, hoffwn dymuno bob lwc i'r pedwar tîm yn eu gêmau heddiw gan obeithio y bydd dawn a chwarae fel tîm yn ennill y wobr.

Mwynhewch gêmau'r diwrnod!

Peter L. Griffiths
Prif Weithredwr



WORLD CUP

Steve Hansen and the Welsh players have barely five months to turn a Six Nations wooden spoon into World Cup glory, and first up is a daunting trip Down Under.

"We're looking forward to the World Cup, although we have plenty on our plate before then," Hansen admitted.

"We've got a summer tour to Australia and New Zealand and then August fixtures which include a game against the Grand Slam winners, England."

Hansen says there won't be any easy matches at the Cup.

"We believe we've got a reasonable draw and the good thing is that our games are well spaced out. We will be basing ourselves in Canberra, where we

play two of our four Pool games, and the people from that area have been very helpful to us in making our arrangements.

"We are playing against teams we have played in the last couple of years. Canada are going to be a very tough assignment first up, while the Tongans are bound to present a very physical challenge.

"The game against Italy is going to be huge. They will have taken a lot of confidence out of beating us in the Six Nations this year and that match is going to be one of the big games of the tournament in the Pool stages.

"Our final game is against New Zealand, who we battled so long and hard against at the Millennium

COUNTDOWN

Stadium earlier in the season. I always look forward to playing the best teams in the world because they give you the chance to truly measure yourself.

"The domestic season may be coming to a close, but there are a lot of Test matches to be played between now and the start of the World Cup. We have to ensure we are well prepared for all the challenges that lie ahead, but it is also important that the players enjoy the journey.

"Preparing for, and going to, a World Cup is an exciting time for players and coaches alike and, as a group, we intend to make the most of the opportunities that are there for us."

THE ITINERARY:

- 14 Jun: v Australia - Sydney
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- 16 Aug: v Scotland - Cardiff
- 23 Aug: v England - Cardiff
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- 12 Oct: v Canada - Melbourne
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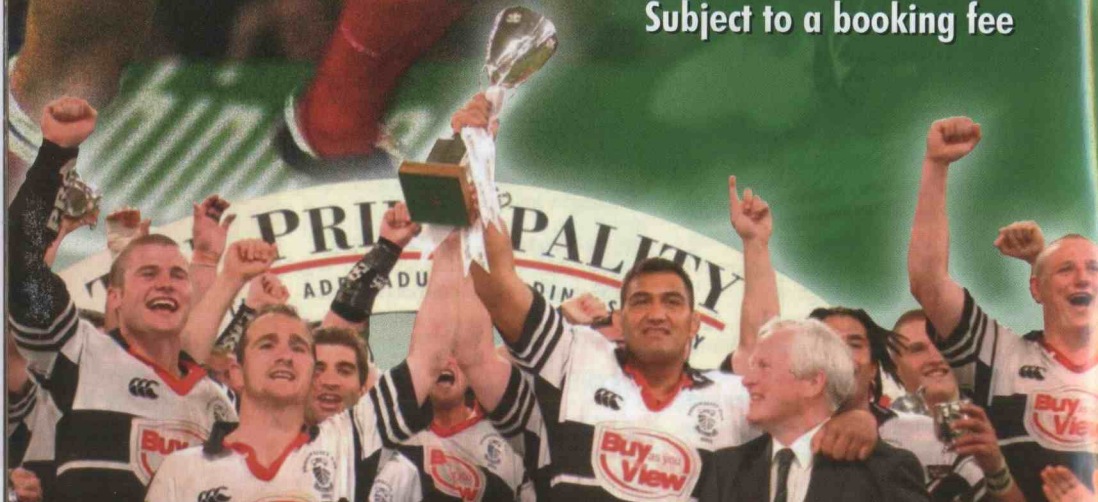
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Dave Moonlight, Canada
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THE END OF AN ERA

BY SIMON THOMAS,
Rugby Correspondent
The Western Mail.



Above:
This year's semi-finalists captains:
Gareth Thomas,
Leigh Davies,
Martyn Williams and
Simon Raiwalui.

It's the end of an era for the WRU Challenge Cup. After 31 years, the competition is set to undergo a radical change from next season. It will still be the cup, but not as we know it, Jim.

The format will be the same and so will the names of the teams taking part. But there will be one fundamental difference. From next term, there will be no fully professional clubs on board.

The five new regional teams won't be involved, leaving just semi-pro and amateur sides to battle it out for the trophy. You will still have the likes of Llanelli, Cardiff, Bridgend and Newport - today's four semi-finalists - entering the competition. But it will be their semi-pro Premier Division versions that will take the field, with the star players having moved on to ply a regional trade.

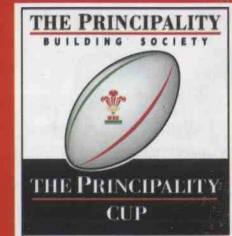
So, this is the last chance to see our

major clubs, as we know them, battling it out in the cup. And whoever wins this final "old-style" event in two weeks time will earn themselves an historic entry in the record books.

Something else that may well come to an end this season is the monopoly the top clubs have had on the tournament since its inception in 1972.

Over the last 31 years, there have been just eight winners of the event, with cup kings, Llanelli, leading the way with 11 triumphs, Cardiff lying second with seven, Neath and Swansea both having lifted the trophy three times, Newport, Bridgend and current holders Pontypridd twice and Pontypool just the once. But, from next season, the playing field will be levelled out, with the 16 Premier Division clubs all operating on budgets of £50,000.

Moreover, the big guns who make up



Opposite:
The magic of the Cup.

the existing nine-strong top flight are likely to rely heavily on youngsters, with their Under-21 sides being scrapped, or - perhaps more accurately - repackaged as their new semi-pro teams.

By comparison, the seven Division One clubs who will move up to Premier status will probably still have their fair share of seasoned campaigners and loyal club servants. So you could easily see a new name on the trophy, such as Aberavon, Carmarthen Quins or Newbridge. That, of course, is the future.

For the moment, there's still time to savour the competition as it is and to reflect on some of the great memories it's provided down the years.

In that time, it's taken four different guises, as sponsors have come and gone.

For the first six seasons, it was just the plain old WRU Challenge Cup, until the commercial world cottoned on to the value of a competition that was steadily growing in stature.

There then followed a 14-year association with Schweppes, who were the sponsors from 1978 to 1992, with the mantle then being taken up by Swalec from 1993 to 1999.

Now, it is The Principality Building Society whose name adorns the trophy as the competition reaches this historic watershed.

Along the way, there have been some marvellous games and some wonderful pieces of individual brilliance, not to mention the kind of shock results that are part and parcel of any great cup competition.

The mere mention of St Peter's still sends a chill through Cardiff supporters, while reference to Penclawdd does the same for followers of Newport.

It was with a shock that the competition began in 1972, with unfancied Neath beating a Llanelli team packed with household names in the inaugural final at the National Ground. But the Scarlets were to bounce back with a vengeance, winning the cup for the next four seasons.

Their triumphant run came to an end in 1977, when the first final not to feature the men from Stradey saw Newport edge out old rivals Cardiff 16-15.

The cup headed back down west the following year, but this time it didn't cross the Loughor Bridge, as Swansea prevented the Black & Ambers retaining the trophy.

There then followed back-to-back triumphs for Bridgend. In 1979, Wales centre, Steve Fenwick, produced a superb 15-point display to defeat a Pontypridd side led by his old pal Tommy David and the following year winger, Frangcom Owen, squeezed over in front of the East Terrace for a late match-winning try against Swansea.

Cardiff were to prove the dominant force in the 1980s, with five cup wins, the strangest of which came in 1982 when only skipper, John Scott, and referee, Clive Norling, appeared to know the Blue & Blacks had won on the try rule after drawing 12-12 with Bridgend.

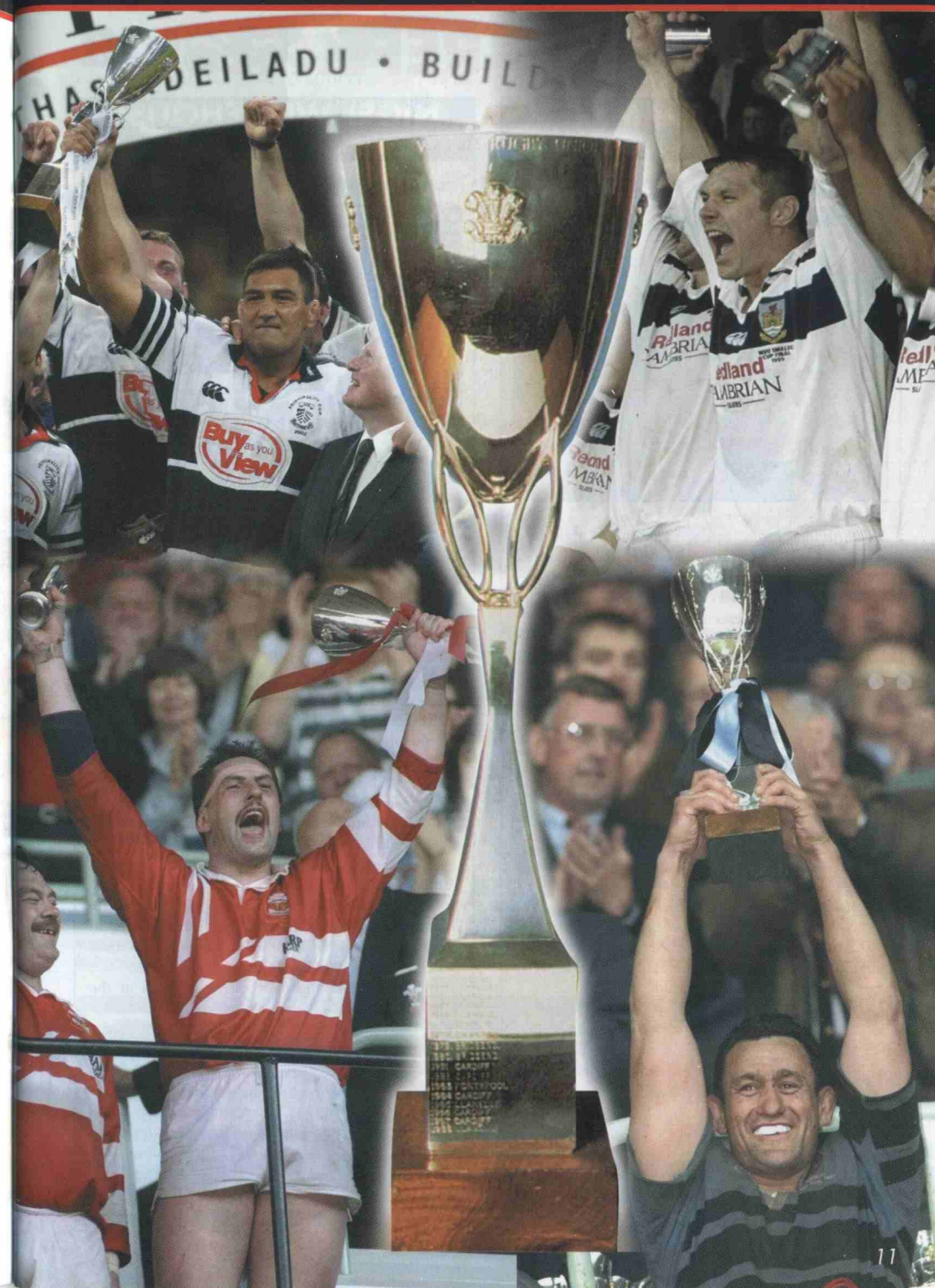
The Arms Park outfit were beaten by an injury-time drop goal from Llanelli's Gary Pearce in 1985, but were back on the winners' podium the next year thanks to a hat-trick of tries from Adrian Hadley against Neath.

In the early 1990s, Llanelli enjoyed their second golden era with three straight wins, the last of which, against Neath, was earned by a drop-goal from No.8 Emyr Lewis of all people.

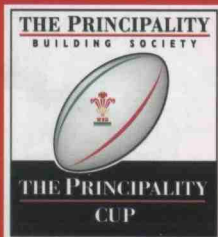
The mid-90s saw the re-emergence of Pontypridd as a power, while the last final at the old National Ground, prior to its demolition, was marked with a suitably memorable score as Nigel Walker cut a swathe to the line in Cardiff's 1997 win over Swansea.

After two years away at soccer stadia - Ashton Gate and Ninian Park - the final found a new home at the Millennium Stadium in 2000, when Llanelli gained revenge for the previous season's defeat to Swansea.

Which pretty much brings us up to date, as today's semi-finalists vie to become the last of their kind to sup from Welsh rugby's cup of joy.



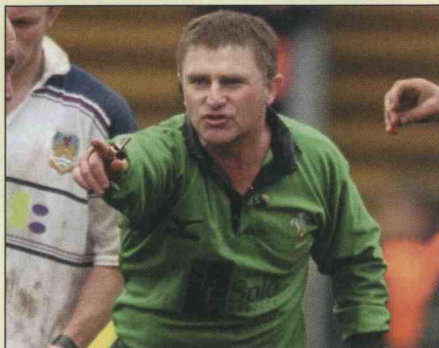
Above:
Referee Clive Norling directs Andrew Kembury of Neath to the showers after he is sent off.



TODAY'S REFEREES

PAUL ADAMS (EBBW VALE)

BRIDGEND v NEWPORT



Paul Adams today referees at the Millennium Stadium for the first time when he takes charge of his first Principality Cup semi-final.

The 44-year-old Head of School Sport at Bridgend College has been refereeing since 1990 and has been on the WRU panel since 1996.

A former scrum half with Cardiff College, Ebbw Vale and Blaina, he also represented Monmouthshire County and both the Welsh and British Colleges.

"I started refereeing after suffering a serious knee injury playing for Blaina," said the former head of PE at Pontypool College. "Because I was a PE teacher I was already doing a lot of refereeing with the school kids and it just went on from there."

He has refereed a couple of 2003 World Cup qualifiers, six A internationals, several under 21 internationals, at the RWC Sevens and at the 1997 FIRA tournament in Argentina.

"I have been a touch judge at the last two Principality Cup finals but, as this is my first time in the middle at the Millennium Stadium, it is a pretty special occasion for me," he said.

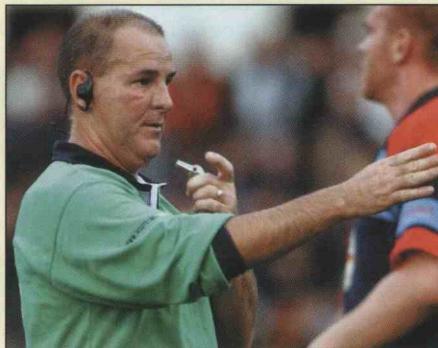
"I refereed England against the Barbarians at Twickenham last year and, with a 65,000 crowd, that was a great experience as well as a cracking game."

"But refereeing at the Millennium Stadium is something every Welsh referee aims for and I am really looking forward to the match."

His touch judges today are Colin Saunders and Neil Ballard.

NIGEL WHITEHOUSE (GOWER)

CARDIFF v LLANELLI



Nigel Whitehouse today referees his second successive Principality Cup semi-final - and Llanelli are again involved as, last season, he was in charge of the Scarlets' clash with Ebbw Vale. And he could be heading for the very top and World Cup 2003 duty, having been named in the initial squad of referees from which those going to Australia will be nominated in August.

Before then he will control the World Cup build-up match between Scotland and Ireland in Edinburgh on 6 September.

The 41-year-old refereed his first Six Nations Championship match when Ireland triumphed 43-22 against Scotland at Lansdowne Road last season and he was also on touch judge duty in three other Championship matches.

A Sergeant in the South Wales Police, based in Bridgend and responsible for road and traffic safety, he started refereeing 14 years ago after a cruciate ligament injury ended his scrum half playing days with South Wales Police, Glamorgan County, Combined Services and the Welsh and British Police teams.

"It happened in the match against Neath at the Gnoll when Jonathan Davies was making his comeback from knee surgery - it turned out that his first game back was the last of my career," he said.

He has been on the Welsh panel for the last six years and on the IRB for the past four seasons. He made his international refereeing debut with the 1999 RWC qualifier between Belgium and Holland in 1998 and then took charge of Ireland's clash with Japan in 2000.

His touch judges today are Nigel Owens and Michael Cox.

BRIDGEND

It has been a painfully long wait for Bridgend's supporters to savour another semi-final day out but now they plan to make the most of it.

It is a decade since the Ravens last caught a glimpse of silverware with a whole generation of supporters having grown up without ever experiencing the nervous excitement of the last four.

These will be the same supporters who never thought it possible for England to win the Ashes or Wales to reach a major football tournament.

But, as we all know, times are changing, and now even Bridgend are reliving the glory days of a time when the club had an annual ticket to the biggest day in the Welsh rugby calendar.

"It really has been a long, barren spell for the club," admitted chairman, Derrick King.

"We have a whole generation of fans who have never seen us win anything so to come this close is wonderful.

"In some ways the atmosphere during the build up to a semi-final is even more special than the final itself because there is so much riding on the game. No one remembers the semi-finalists.

"The sense of anticipation around the town is terrific; it's all people talk about, and financially it means a lot for the club to reach the final."

It is ten years since two tries from the precocious young Rob Howley gave Bridgend hope before a second-half comeback sealed a 33-15 victory for Neath at Stradey Park in the semi-final of the then newly titled SWALEC Cup.

This time the opponents are Newport who they could beat for a remarkable fourth time this season after completing the Welsh Premiership-Celtic League hat-trick last weekend.



Megan Thomas



Becky Thomas

BRIDGEND'S - Match Mascots

Bridgend's mascots today are **Megan** and **Becky Thomas**.

Becky is nine years old and goes to Bryn School. Her hobbies include horse riding, rugby and music and she has just qualified to sing in the Urdd Eisteddfod. Her favourite player is Chris Stephens, who she has known from a young age. Her favourite food is anything that isn't meat!

Megan is four years old and is a regular figure at the Brewery Field where she helps her father with the kit. Her favourite player is Gareth Thomas. Her favourite food is pasta and faggots. Her hobbies are riding and making a mess!



BRIDGEND CUP FINAL RECORD

Winners			
1978-79	BRIDGEND	18	Pontypridd 12
1979-80	BRIDGEND	15	Swansea 9

Finalists			
1980-81	Cardiff	14	BRIDGEND 6
1981-82	Cardiff	12	BRIDGEND 12 (on tries)
1989-90	Neath	16	BRIDGEND 10

BRIDGEND'S PRINCIPALITY CUP RUN 2002/2003

Round Seven: 7 February, 2003

Newbridge 8 BRIDGEND 39

(Tries; M Molitika 2, B Phillips, H Harries;

Cons; C Warlow 2; Pens; C Warlow 5)

Quarter-final: 5 April, 2003

BRIDGEND 48 Swansea 25

(Tries; A Joy, A Havili, N Budgett, R Mustoe, M Molitika, G Thomas; Cons; G Cull 3; Pens; G Cull 4)

PREVIOUS CUP MEETINGS

1974-75	BRIDGEND	18	Newport 7
1991-92	Newport	9	BRIDGEND 4
1992-93	BRIDGEND	18	Newport 16

BRIDGEND'S CUP RECORD

Played: 122; Won 93; Lost 29.



Gareth Thomas



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PHIL BOOTH

Position:	Prop
DoB:	18.02.76
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	18st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

RICHARD BRYAN

Position:	Back row forward
DoB:	21.01.77
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	16st 11lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

NATHAN BUDGETT

Position:	Lock/Back row
DoB:	02.11.75
Height:	6' 5"
Weight:	17st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps - 5 pts (1T)

GARETH CULL

Position:	Full back
DoB:	20.01.77
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	14st 0lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps - 18 pts (3C, 4PG)



Nathan Budgett

ANTHONY CARTER

Position:	Full back
DoB:	02.02.81
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	13st 4lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps

JAMES DONOVAN

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	13.07.83
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	11st 0lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps

HUW HARRIES

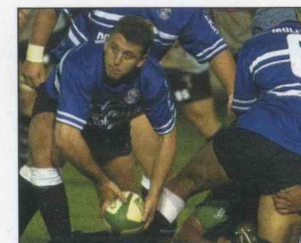
Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	21.02.73
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	13st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps 5 pts (1T)

CORY HARRIS

Position:	Flanker
DoB:	03.04.75
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	15st 11lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

CHRIS HORSMAN

Position:	Prop
DoB:	02.02.78
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	15st 11lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps



Huw Harries



THE BRIDGEND SQUAD

DAFYDD JAMES

Position:	Centre
DoB:	24.07.75
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	14st 5lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app



Deiniol Jones

MATT JAMES

Position:	Full back
DoB:	04.11.77
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	12st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

CHRISTIAN LOADER

Position:	Prop
DoB:	26.10.73
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	17st 9lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

MAAMA MOLITIKA

Position:	Back row forward
DoB:	26.08.74
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	15st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps - 15 pts (3T)

DEINIOL JONES

Position:	Lock
DoB:	18.11.77
Height:	6' 5"
Weight:	18st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

RYAN JONES

Position:	Lock
DoB:	13.03.81
Height:	6' 5"
Weight:	18st 9lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

ANDY MOORE

Position:	Lock
DoB:	25.01.74
Height:	6' 6"
Weight:	17st 3lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps

PAUL JONES

Position:	Full back/wing
DoB:	22.11.76
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	12st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

ANDREW JOY

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	23.08.78
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	15st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5 pts (1T)

RICHARD MUSTOE

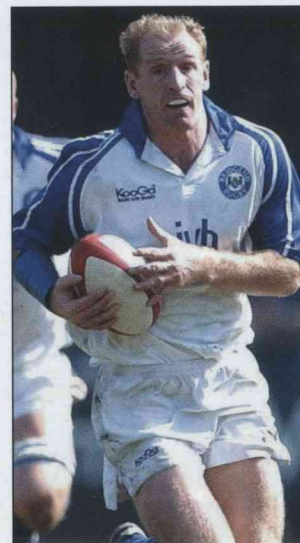
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DoB:	09.12.81
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Weight:	13st 4lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5 pts (1T)



THE BRIDGEND SQUAD

JOSH TAUMALOLO

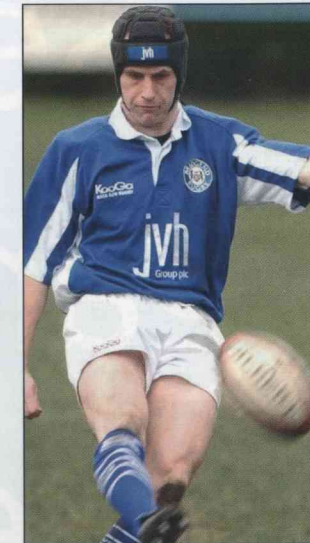
Position:	Centre/Full back
DoB:	08.07.76
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	14st 13lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps



Gareth Thomas - The Bridgend captain

JON THIEL

Position:	Prop
DoB:	31.05.75
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	18st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps



Craig Warlow

BEN PHILLIPS

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	05.09.81
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	14st 3lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps - 5 pts (1T)

GARETH THOMAS

Position:	Centre/Wing
DoB:	25.07.74
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	16st 3lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5 pts (1T)

CRAIG WARLOW

Position:	Fly half
DoB:	19.03.75
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	12st 9lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps - 19 pts (2C, 5PG)

MIKE POWELL

Position:	Lock
DoB:	23.11.78
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	17st 11lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

SHAWN VAN RENSBURG

Position:	Back row forward
DoB:	11.10.74
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	16st 4lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps

GARETH WILLIAMS

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	19.12.78
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	15st 6lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

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NEWPORT

Newport will arrive at the Millennium Stadium with revenge very much in mind. Three times already this season Bridgend have come up trumps against the Black and Ambers and they don't want it to be four out of four.

It has been a bit of a curate's egg season so far for Simon Raiwalui's men. There have been one or two excellent performances, far too many close defeats and a couple of bad moments. But the best is surely still to come.

Newport have a 50-50 success rate in Principality Cup finals, winning two of the four they've appeared in since the competition's inaugural season in 1972, but the joy of the 2001 triumph over Neath, under the captaincy of Gary Teichmann, lives on. That was the day that Newport returned to the top flight.

The Black and Ambers first lifted the trophy in 1977 with a thrilling 16-15 win over Cardiff, thanks to tries from wingers, Ken Davies and Jeff Crandon, but lost 9-13 to Swansea the following year. They went down 21-28 to Cardiff in extra time in the 1986 Cup final, before hoisting the trophy in 2001 after a 13-8 win over Neath in the rain.

The crucial try scorer against Neath was former Springbok prop, Adrian Garvey, while Shane Howarth added eight points with the boot. They will both be back at the Millennium Stadium today hoping for one final tilt at the title.

Howarth is set to return to New Zealand at the end of the season after spending the past five years in the UK. He joined Newport from Sale Sharks and has become the club's record points scorer over his 101 games to date.

As far as the Principality Cup is concerned, Newport have met Bridgend three times, losing 7-18 in 1974-75, and 16-18 in 1992-93, but triumphing 9-4 in 1991-92. The history of not only their previous cup clashes, but also of two of their three meetings this season, suggests it is going to be a very close call today.

Even though Newport go into this match on the back of a heavy 30-56 loss at Bridgend last Saturday, there is a huge amount of big match experience in the Newport squad. Today will be a one off and they have plenty of players capable of rising to the big occasion.

A plus for the Gwent side has been the continuing excellent form of South African import, Percy Montgomery. The former Springbok star is proving a cut above most opposition backlines and his 20 points in a losing effort last weekend was a clear warning to the Bridgend side today.

It was a partnership effort between Monty's boot and the hat-trick of tries from Fijian-born wing, Luke Nabaro, that steered Newport into the semi-finals with their 41-20 quarter-final victory at Ebbw Vale. More of the same could see them through to the final.

Fijian international, Simon Raiwalui, captained the Black and Ambers through a turbulent opening few weeks of the season, before the team settled into a groove and began working their way up the Welsh Premiership ladder.

Raiwalui's no-nonsense, lead-from-the-front approach has been a highlight of the season at Rodney Parade, as have the

power play of scrum-half, Ofisa Tonu'u, and the rampaging form of Jason Forster in the back row.

NEWPORT CUP FINAL RECORD

Winners			
1976-77	NEWPORT	16	Cardiff 15
2000-01	NEWPORT	13	Neath 8

Finalists			
1977-78	Swansea	13	NEWPORT 9
1985-86	Cardiff	28	NEWPORT 21

NEWPORT'S PRINCIPALITY CUP RUN 2002/2003

Round Seven: 7 February, 2003
Bedwas 10 NEWPORT 27
(Tries; J Jones-Hughes, M Mostyn, M Voyle, penalty try;
Cons; J Strange 2; Pen; J Strange)

Quarter-final: 4 April 2003
Ebbw Vale 20 NEWPORT 47
(Tries; L Nabaro 3, J Forster 2, R Snow;
Cons; P Montgomery 4; Pen; P Montgomery)

PREVIOUS CUP MEETINGS

1974-75	Bridgend	18	NEWPORT 7
1991-92	NEWPORT	9	Bridgend 4
1992-93	Bridgend	18	NEWPORT 16

NEWPORT'S CUP RECORD

Played 111; Won 83; Lost 28.

NEWPORT'S - Match Mascots



GRAYSON HOWARTH is the son of Newport fly-half Shane Howarth. Grayson is six years old and attends Caerleon Endowed Infant School. He enjoys playing rugby and being outside at any opportunity. A big Black and Amber supporter Grayson's favourite players are his dad and uncle, Simon Raiwalui.



JACOB RAIWALUI is Newport's mascot for today's game and is looking forward to leading the team out with his dad, and captain of the Black and Ambers, Simon Raiwalui. Jacob is five years old and enjoys watching Newport both at Rodney Parade and on TV. His favourite player naturally is his dad.



THE NEWPORT SQUAD

CHRIS ANTHONY

Position:	Prop
DoB:	23.07.76
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	18st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

ADRIAN GARVEY

Position:	Prop
DoB:	25.06.68
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	18st 4lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

RHYS JONES

Position:	Back row forward
DoB:	19.08.81
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	15st 10lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

NATHAN BREW

Position:	Centre
DoB:	21.04.82
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	15st 0lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

GARETH GRAVELL

Position:	Back row forward
DoB:	29.10.80
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	14st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 app

JASON JONES-HUGHES

Position:	Centre
DoB:	13.09.76
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	16st 4lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps - 5 pts (1T)

ALEX CADWALLADER

Position:	Wing
DoB:	02.04.81
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	15st 0lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

IAN GOUGH

Position:	Lock
DoB:	10.11.76
Height:	6' 6"
Weight:	17st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

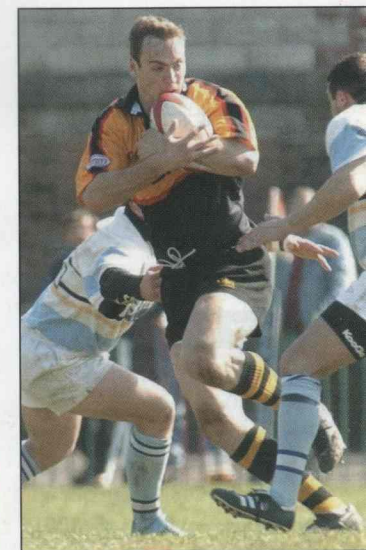
JASON FORSTER

Position:	Back row forward
DoB:	25.02.71
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	15st 10lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps - 10 pts (2T)

SHANE HOWARTH

Position:	Fly half
DoB:	08.07.68
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	13st 10lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

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Jason Jones-Hughes



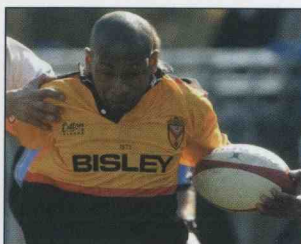
THE NEWPORT SQUAD

LLYR LANE

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	23.10.80
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	12st 10lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

MATT MOSTYN

Position:	Wing
DoB:	10.9.74
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	15st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5 pts (1T)



Luke Nabaro

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	20.03.72
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	14st 4lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

LUKE NABARO

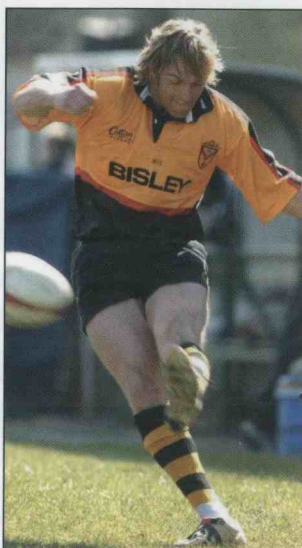
Position:	Wing
DoB:	08.09.74
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	14st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 15 pts (3T)

STEVE OJOMOH

Position:	Back row forward
DoB:	25.05.71
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	17st 6lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

ANDY MARINOS

Position:	Centre
DoB:	13.11.72
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	15st 1lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps



Percy Montgomery

DAVID PATTISON

Position:	Prop
DoB:	19.02.80
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	16st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

ANDREW POWELL

Position:	Back row forward
DoB:	23.08.81
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	16st 11lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

JON PRITCHARD

Position:	Centre
DoB:	20.03.78
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	13st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

SIMON RAIWALUI

Position:	Lock
DoB:	08.09.74
Height:	6' 7"
Weight:	18st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

JAMES RICHARDS

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	11.12.75
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	15st 10lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

ROD SNOW

Position:	Prop
DoB:	01.05.71
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	8st 3lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5 pts (1T)

JASON STRANGE

Position:	Fly half
DoB:	08.10.73
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	13st 5lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 7 pts (2C, 1PG)

OFISA TONU'U

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	03.02.70
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	15st 6lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

MATTHEW VEATER

Position:	Utility forward
DoB:	11.07.76
Height:	6' 5"
Weight:	17st 0lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

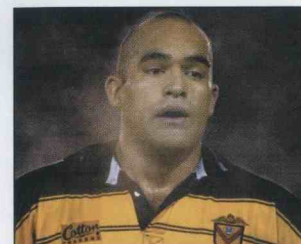
MIKE VOYLE

Position:	Lock
DoB:	03.10.70
Height:	6' 5"
Weight:	16st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5 pts (1T)

PAUL YOUNG

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	08.01.73
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	16st 0lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

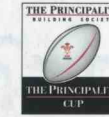
THE NEWPORT SQUAD



Simon Raiwalui - The Newport captain



Mike Voyle



BRIDGEND Semi Final 1 NEWPORT

Kick off 3.00pm

Gareth Cull	15	Full-Back Cefnwr	15	Percy Montgomery
Paul Jones	14	Right Wing Asgell dde	14	Alex Cadwallader
Gareth Thomas	13	Right Centre Canolwr	13	Jason Jones-Hughes
Josh Taumalolo	12	Left Centre Canolwr	12	Jon Pritchard
Richard Mustoe	11	Left Wing Asgell chwith	11	Luke Nabaro
Craig Warlow	10	Stand-Off Maswr	10	Shane Howarth
Huw Harries	9	Scrum-Half Mewnwr	9	Ofisa Tonu'u
Christian Loader	1	Loose-head Prop Yr rheng flaen	1	Rod Snow
Andrew Joy	2	Hooker Bachwr	2	Paul Young
Chris Horsman	3	Tight-head Prop Y rheng flaen	3	Chris Anthony
Deiniol Jones	4	Lock Yr ail reng	4	Simon Raiwalui
Nathan Budgett	5	Lock Yr ail reng	5	Ian Gough
Maama Molitika	6	Left Flanker Blaenasgell	6	Matthew Veater
Richard Bryan	8	No. 8 Y rheng ol	8	Steve Ojomoh
Cory Harris	7	Right Flanker Blaenasgell	7	Jason Forster

Replacements/Eilyddion

Phil Booth	16
Gareth Williams/Ben Phillips	17
Jon Thiel	18
Ryan Jones	19
Shawn Van Rensburg	20
James Donovan	21
Matt James	22

Replacements/Eilyddion

16	Adrian Garvey
17	James Richards
18	Mike Voyle/Andy Powell
19	Rhys Jones/Gareth Gravell
20	David Llewellyn
21	Jason Strange
22	Nathan Brew

TEAMS ACCURATE AS AT 17.04.03

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In the event of a Principality Cup semi-final ending in a tie at the end of normal time (80 minutes of play) then the winners will be declared by the following criteria:

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- The Club which has scored the greater number of goals (converted tries)
- Extra time of 20 minutes (10 minutes each way). The winner will be the Club who has scored the greater number of points or a) and b)
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CARDIFF

If ever the famous phrase, 'The Magic of the Cup' was appropriate then it was in the early rounds this season. Cardiff's Principality Cup campaign has taken them first to the windy Parc Mawr ground of Bonymaen, high above Swansea, and then back to the more comfortable city centre luxury of Cardiff Arms Park only to find themselves in a torrid battle with old rivals, Pontypridd.

First division mid-tablers, Bonymaen, threw the proverbial kitchen sink at the Blue and Blacks for the first 40 minutes. The home side scored the only try of the half and captain for the day, John Tait, and his side were 9-13 down as they contemplated the meaning of cup-life in the sanctuary of the interval changing room.

Normality returned in the second period with four tries, two of them to outstanding flanker, Dan McShane, a match total of 21 points from the boot of Nick Robinson and a 41-16 result that most people thought flattered Cardiff.

The boot was on the other foot in the quarter-final a fortnight ago. The smart money was on Cup-holders Pontypridd winning again and when they had established an 11-3 lead early in the second half Cardiff's game looked well and truly up. We should have known better. An opportunist try by Jamie Robinson kick-started the revival and even better was to come. Within the space of two minutes Martyn and Rhys Williams crossed for breathtaking tries that fully illustrated the roller-coaster nature of the Blue and Blacks season, often striking for unlikely touchdowns off scraps of possession.

But the Principality Cup win over Pontypridd was different. The unsung heroes really were the pack, none more so than the front five of props Ken Fourie and Ben Evans, Peter Rogers at hooker, and locks, Heino Senekal and John Tait. They provided the platform for a dynamic back row and those lethal backs to weave their patterns.

Now it's the big one. Cardiff and Llanelli are no strangers in the Cup, with the Blue and Blacks 7-4 ahead in their 11 meetings. There has been pain and glory on both sides. Neutrals still rub their eyes in disbelief at the 65-16 hammering that Cardiff dished out at Stradey Park two years ago, but Cardiff faces also blush at the memory of the Scarlet medicine they were forced to swallow at Bridgend, in 1999, in an equally humiliating 10-39 semi-final exit.

That, though, is the Principality Cup. There are no underdogs or favourites - but Martyn Williams and his men will go into this evening's showdown determined to reach the club's first Cup Final in seven years.

CARDIFF CUP FINAL RECORD

Winners

1980-81	CARDIFF 14	Bridgend	6
1981-82	CARDIFF 12	Bridgend	12 (on tries)
1983-84	CARDIFF 24	Neath	19
1985-86	CARDIFF 28	Newport	21
1986-87	CARDIFF 16	Swansea	15 (aet 9-9)
1993-94	CARDIFF 15	Llanelli	8
1996-97	CARDIFF 33	Swansea	26

Finalists

1972-73	Llanelli	30	CARDIFF	7
1976-77	Newport	16	CARDIFF	15
1984-85	Llanelli	15	CARDIFF	14

CARDIFF'S PRINCIPALITY CUP RUN 2002/2003

Round Seven: 7 February 2003

Bonymaen 16 CARDIFF 41
(Tries: D McShane 2, D Baugh, A Sullivan;
Cons: N Robinson 3; Pens: N Robinson 5)

Quarter-final: 4 April, 2003

CARDIFF 20 Pontypridd 18
(Tries: J Robinson, M Williams, R Williams;
Con: I Harris; Pens: I Harris 2)

PREVIOUS CUP MEETINGS

1972-73	Llanelli	30	CARDIFF	7	(Final)
1976-77	CARDIFF	25	Llanelli	15	
1981-82	CARDIFF	12	Llanelli	3	
1983-84	CARDIFF	26	Llanelli	6	(S/Final)
1984-85	Llanelli	15	CARDIFF	14	(Final)
1989-90	CARDIFF	15	Llanelli	4	
1993-94	CARDIFF	15	Llanelli	8	(Final)
1995-96	Llanelli	11	CARDIFF	10	
1996-97	CARDIFF	36	Llanelli	26	(S/Final)
1998-99	Llanelli	39	CARDIFF	10	(S/Final)
2000-01	Llanelli	16	CARDIFF	65	

CARDIFF'S CUP RECORD

Played 141; Won 115; Lost 24; Drawn 2

Cardiff Rugby - Match Mascots



OWAIN LORD
Age: 7

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Age: 12

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THE CARDIFF SQUAD

MATT ALLEN

Position:	Centre
DoB:	28.02.74
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	15st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

DAN BAUGH

Position:	Flanker
DoB:	10.09.74
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	15st 10lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5 pts (1T)

JIM BROWNRIGG

Position:	Lock
DoB:	04.06.77
Height:	6' 6"
Weight:	16st 8lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

LEWIS COLLINS

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	30.05.83
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	15st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps

DEAN DEWDNEY

Position:	Wing/Scrum half
DoB:	05.11.74
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	12st 9lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app



Iestyn Harris celebrates the quarter final win.

BEN EVANS

Position:	Prop
DoB:	31.07.75
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	18st 13lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

KEN FOURIE

Position:	Prop
DoB:	14.02.77
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	18st 8lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

IESTYN HARRIS

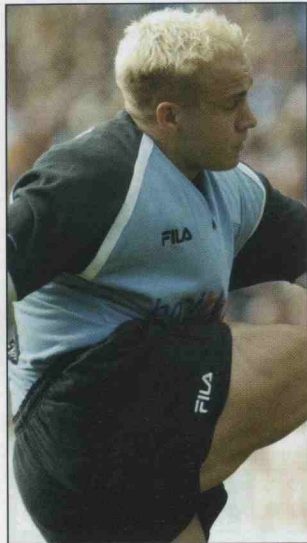
Position:	Fly half
DoB:	25.06.76
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	13st 10lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5 pts (1C, 1PG)

EMYR LEWIS

Position:	No 8
DoB:	29.08.68
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	17st 5lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps



THE CARDIFF SQUAD



Ryan Powell

CRAIG MORGAN

Position:	Wing
DoB:	26.09.78
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	14st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app



Peter Rogers

TIM PAYNE

Position:	Prop
DoB:	29.04.79
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	18st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

NICKY ROBINSON

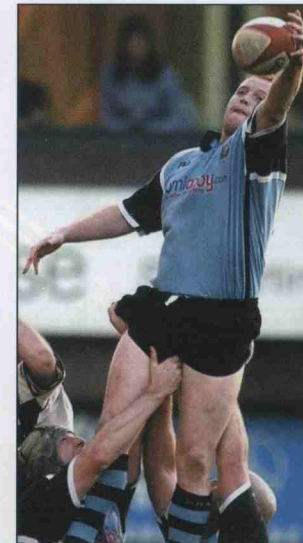
Position:	Fly half
DoB:	03.01.82
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	14st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app – 21 pts (3C, 5PG)

RICHARD SMITH

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	06.06.73
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	13st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

ROBIN SOWDEN-TAYLOR

Position:	Flanker
DoB:	09.06.82
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	15st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps



Marty Williams – The Cardiff captain

NICK WALNE

Position:	Wing
DoB:	18.09.75
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	15st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

MARTYN WILLIAMS

Position:	Flanker
DoB:	01.09.75
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	15st 5lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app – 5 pts (1T)

PIETER MULLER

Position:	Centre
DoB:	05.05.69
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	15st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

RYAN POWELL

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	01.07.80
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	13st 8lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

PETER ROGERS

Position:	Prop/Hooker
DoB:	20.01.69
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	18st 8lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps



John Tait

LUKE TAIT

Position:	Lock
DoB:	26.10.81
Height:	6' 7"
Weight:	16st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

RHYS WILLIAMS

Position:	Full back
DoB:	23.02.80
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	13st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app – 5 pts (1T)

DAN MCSHANE

Position:	No 8
DoB:	16.10.79
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	16st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app – 10 pts (2T)

JAMIE ROBINSON

Position:	Centre
DoB:	07.04.80
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	14st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app – 5 pts (1T)

HEINO SENEKAL

Position:	Lock
DoB:	20.10.75
Height:	6' 6"
Weight:	17st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

JOHN TAIT

Position:	Lock
DoB:	14.08.73
Height:	6' 8"
Weight:	17st 4lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

DONAVAN VAN VUUREN

Position:	Full back
DoB:	06.01.77
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	14st 4lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

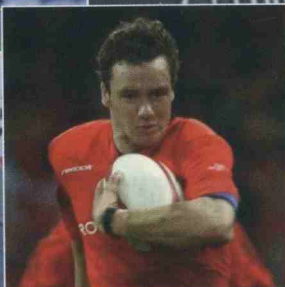
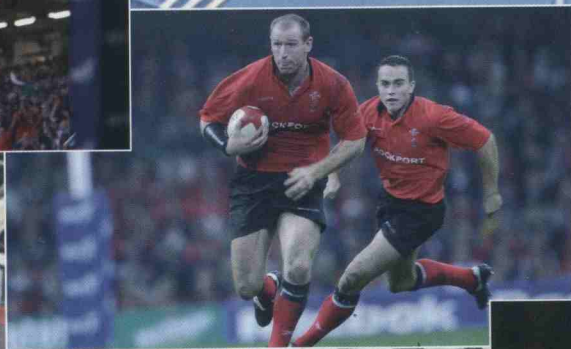
JOHN YAPP

Position:	Prop
DoB:	09.04.83
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	17st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

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LLANELLI

They don't call Llanelli the "Cup Kings" for nothing. Not only have they won the Principality Cup a record 11 times, they are easily Wales' most successful team in the Heineken Cup.

The Scarlets first won the Principality Cup – or WRU Challenge Cup as it was known then – in 1973. A fact that is hardly surprising when you run your eye down the teamsheet. Any club who can call on the likes of Phil Bennett, Tom David, Derek Quinell, Gareth Jenkins, Ray Gravell, Roy Bergiers, Delme Thomas and JJ Williams shouldn't find a cup final too daunting.

Llanelli were to win the cup 10 more times in the next three decades, and nearly made it 12, in all, last season before falling to an 87th-minute Brett Davey penalty goal.

This season, Llanelli have been the starring Welsh side in Europe. They were the only team from the Principality to make the Heineken Cup quarter-finals, but their surprise 26-19 defeat by Perpignan at Stradey Park last Friday night denied the Scarlets a third Cup semi-final in four seasons.

Coach, Gareth Jenkins, has produced a well-balanced side full of pace and power. The experience of skipper, Leigh Davies, and talismanic No 8, Scott Quinell, combined with the youth and talent of players such as full back, Barrie Davies, and centre, Matthew Watkins, has meant few sides have had the better of a full-strength Llanelli side this season.

At times, during the Six Nations campaign, Jenkins lost virtually an entire team to Wales and Ireland international duty and Wales Under-21 matches. That, and the dismissal of flanker Dafydd Jones, cost them dear last week, but the depth of the club has always held firm under trying circumstances.

And, with the likes of scrum-half, Mike Phillips, lock, Bryn Griffiths, and flanker-turned-hooker, Aled Gravelle, coming through the ranks from Under-21 rugby, the Scarlets show no signs of slowing down.

LLANELLI CUP FINAL RECORD

Winners			
1972-73	LLANELLI	30	Cardiff 7
1973-74	LLANELLI	12	Aberavon 10
1974-75	LLANELLI	15	Aberavon 6
1975-76	LLANELLI	16	Swansea 4
1984-85	LLANELLI	15	Cardiff 14
1987-88	LLANELLI	28	Neath 13
1990-91	LLANELLI	24	Pontypool 9
1991-92	LLANELLI	16	Swansea 7
1992-93	LLANELLI	21	Neath 18
1997-98	LLANELLI	19	Ebbw Vale 12
1999-00	LLANELLI	22	Swansea 12
Finalists			
1971-72	Neath	15	LLANELLI 9
1988-89	Neath	14	LLANELLI 13
1993-94	Cardiff	15	LLANELLI 8
1998-99	Swansea	37	LLANELLI 10
2001-02	Pontypridd	20	LLANELLI 17

LLANELLI'S PRINCIPALITY CUP RUN 2002/03

Round Seven: 7 February, 2003
Pontypool 22 LLANELLI 30
(Tries; M Thomas 2, T Selley, D Hodges;
Cons; G Bowen 2; Pans; G Bowen 2).

Quarter-final: 4 April, 2003
LLANELLI 49 Neath 17
(Tries; M Watkins 2, D Jones 2, G Evans, B Davies;
Cons; S Jones 5; Pans; S Jones 3).

PREVIOUS CUP MEETINGS

1972-73	LLANELLI	30	Cardiff	7	(Final)
1976-77	Cardiff	25	LLANELLI	15	
1981-82	Cardiff	12	LLANELLI	3	
1983-84	Cardiff	26	LLANELLI	6	(S/Final)
1984-85	LLANELLI	15	Cardiff	14	(Final)
1989-90	Cardiff	15	LLANELLI	4	
1993-94	Cardiff	15	LLANELLI	8	(Final)
1995-96	LLANELLI	11	Cardiff	10	
1996-97	Cardiff	36	LLANELLI	26	(S/Final)
1998-99	LLANELLI	39	Cardiff	10	(S/Final)
2000-01	LLANELLI	16	Cardiff	65	

LLANELLI'S CUP RECORD

Played 154; Won 134; Lost 20.

LLANELLI'S - Match Mascots



Llanelli's mascot today is nine year old **Joe Davies** from Llanelli. Joe is a member of the Junior Scarlets. He goes to Stradey with his grandfather and father and is here today with them both. When he's not watching the Scarlets, he plays rugby for Llanelli Wanderers. Joe's favourite player is Stephen Jones.



Llanelli's second mascot, is eight year old **Clare Treharne**. She usually comes to Stradey with her dad, granddad, brothers Luke, David and sister, Rebecca, who are all here today. She is a keen athlete, and enjoys playing tennis, swimming and going to ballet. Her favourite player is Llanelli winger, Mark Jones.



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THE LLANELLI SQUAD

IAN BOOBYER

Position:	Flanker
DoB:	14.07.71
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	15st 8lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

GARETH BOWEN

Position:	Fly half
DoB:	20.06.79
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	12st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 10 pts (2C, 2PG)

MATT CARDEY

Position:	Full back
DoB:	07.07.75
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	13st 10lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

VERNON COOPER

Position:	Lock
DoB:	12.06.77
Height:	6' 6"
Weight:	17st 11lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

JAMIE CUDMORE

Position:	Lock
DoB:	06.09.78
Height:	6' 6"
Weight:	17st 9lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

BARRY DAVIES

Position:	Full back
DoB:	05.03.81
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	12st
Principality Cup 2002 / 3:	2 apps - 5 pts (1T)

JOHN DAVIES

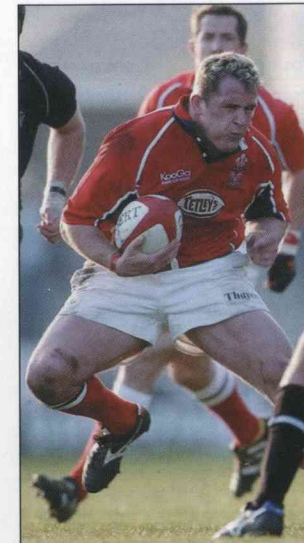
Position:	Prop
DoB:	01.02.71
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	17st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

LEIGH DAVIES

Position:	Centre
DoB:	20.02.76
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	15st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

GUY EASTERBY

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	21.03.71
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	14st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps



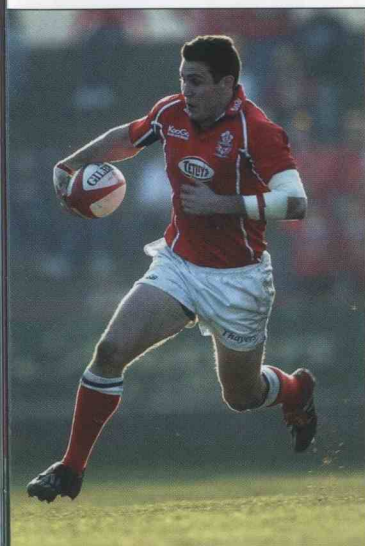
Leigh Davies - The Llanelli captain



Llanelli celebrate in 2000



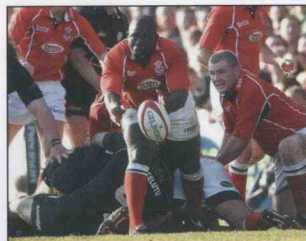
THE LLANELLI SQUAD



Stephen Jones

SALESI FINAU

Position:	Centre/wing
DoB:	05.05.74
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	16st 13lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app



Martyn Madden

ALED GRAVELLE

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	27.04.81
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	16st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

PHIL JOHN

Position:	Prop
DoB:	25.04.81
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	18st 6lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

SIMON EASTERBY

Position:	Flanker
DoB:	27.01.75
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	17st 6lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

LUKE GROSS

Position:	Lock
DoB:	21.11.69
Height:	6' 9"
Weight:	18st 12lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

MARK JONES

Position:	Wing
DoB:	14.10.79
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	13st 2lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps

GARAN EVANS

Position:	Wing
DoB:	16.02.73
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	12st 13lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps - 5 pts (1T)

DAVID HODGES

Position:	Flanker
DoB:	15.09.68
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	16st 8lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 5pts (1T)

STEPHEN JONES

Position:	Fly half
DoB:	08.12.77
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	14st 1lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 19 pts (5C, 3PG)

THE LLANELLI SQUAD



Matthew Watkins

MIKE PHILLIPS

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	29.08.82
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	14st 1lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

MARCUS THOMAS

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	13.01.74
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	16st
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 10 pts (2T)

MARTYN MADDEN

Position:	Prop
DoB:	04.12.73
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	18st 5lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

SCOTT QUINNELL

Position:	No 8
DoB:	20.08.72
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	18st 8lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

MATTHEW WATKINS

Position:	Centre
DoB:	02.09.78
Height:	6' 0"
Weight:	13st 11lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app - 10 pts (2T)

ROBIN McBRYDE

Position:	Hooker
DoB:	03.07.70
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	15st 8lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps

IESTYN THOMAS

Position:	Prop
DoB:	15.12.76
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	17st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	0 apps

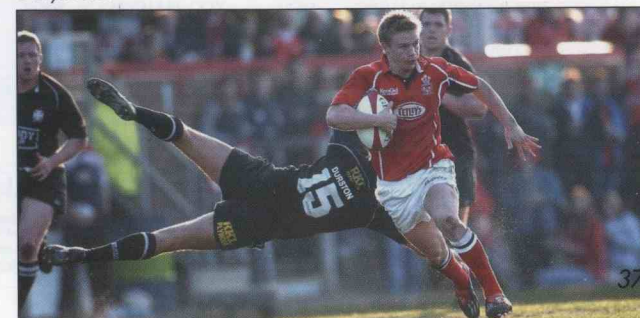
CHRIS WYATT

Position:	Lock
DoB:	10.06.73
Height:	6' 5"
Weight:	17st 7lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	2 apps

DWAYNE PEEL

Position:	Scrum half
DoB:	31.08.81
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	12st 11lb
Principality Cup 2002/3:	1 app

Dwayne Peel



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Nicky Robinson	15	Full-Back Cefnwr	15	Barry Davies
Rhys Williams	14	Right Wing Asgell dde	14	Mark Jones
Jamie Robinson	13	Right Centre Canolwr	13	Matthew Watkins
Pieter Muller	12	Left Centre Canolwr	12	Leigh Davies
Craig Morgan	11	Left Wing Asgell chwith	11	Garan Evans
Iestyn Harris	10	Stand-Off Maswr	10	Stephen Jones
Ryan Powell	9	Scrum-Half Mewnwr	9	Guy Easterby
Ken Fourie	1	Loose-head Prop Yr rheng flaen	1	Iestyn Thomas
Peter Rogers	2	Hooker Bachwr	2	Robin McBryde
Ben Evans	3	Tight-head Prop Y rheng flaen	3	John Davies
Heino Senekal	4	Lock Yr ail reng	4	Vernon Cooper
John Tait	5	Lock Yr ail reng	5	Chris Wyatt
Robin Sowden-Taylor	6	Left Flanker Blaenasgell	6	David Hodges
Emyr Lewis	8	No. 8 Y rheng ol	8	Scott Quinell
Martyn Williams	7	Right Flanker Blaenasgell	7	Simon Easterby

Replacements/Eilyddion

Replacements/Eilyddion

John Yapp	16	Referee: NIGEL WHITEHOUSE (Gower) Touch Judges: NIGEL OWENS MICHAEL COX Joe Daw Michael John	16	Martyn Madden
Lewis Collins	17		17	Aled Gravelle
Luke Tait	18		18	Luke Gross
Jim Brownrigg	19		19	Ian Boobyer
Richard Smith	20		20	Mike Phillips
Matt Allen	21		21	Gareth Bowen
Dean Dewdney	22		22	Salesi Finau

TEAMS ACCURATE AS AT 17.04.03

TIED PRINCIPALITY CUP SEMI-FINAL

In the event of a Principality Cup semi-final ending in a tie at the end of normal time (80 minutes of play) then the winners will be declared by the following criteria:

- The Club which has scored the greater number of tries
- The Club which has scored the greater number of goals (converted tries)
- Extra time of 20 minutes (10 minutes each way). The winner will be the Club who has scored the greater number of points or a) and b)
- A replay to be played within 14 days



Welsh Rugby Union Challenge Cup

SEMI-FINAL FOCUS

by John Griffiths



• The Welsh Rugby Union stages back-to-back semi-finals at the Millennium Stadium for the fourth time, though twice before, in 1991 and 1992, the matches were played as double-headers at the old National Stadium.

• Llanelli are semi-finalists for a record 24th time, having won 16 and lost seven. Today they appear at this stage for the 14th time in the past 16 seasons. They missed out in 1990 and again in 2001.

• Their opponents, Cardiff, make their 18th appearance in the semi-finals (ten wins and seven defeats to date). In the clubs' only Welsh Premiership clash to date this season Llanelli beat Cardiff 39-26 at Stradey Park in February.

• Newport, semi-finalists for the ninth time (four wins and four defeats previously at this stage), take on Bridgend, who are in the last four for the eleventh time (five wins and five defeats) but appear at this stage for the first time for ten years.

• The clubs have met on three occasions in competitive matches this season, Bridgend winning each time. They opened the season with a 13-5 win at Rodney Parade in the Celtic League in August and won 13-12 back there in a Welsh Premiership fixture in December. Last Saturday, at home, Bridgend warmed up for today's game with an emphatic 56-30 League win.

• The most semi-final wins in the 30 years of competition is 16 by Llanelli, including a record five in a row at the start of the tournament, 1972 to 1976. Cardiff and Swansea have each won ten semi-finals, Neath eight, Bridgend five, Newport and Pontypridd four apiece, Pontypool and Aberavon two each. Ebbw Vale's only success to date was in 1998.

• Swansea set the record for the biggest winning margin in a semi-final. They defeated Cross Keys 60-3 in 1999. Llanelli's 61-16 score-line against Seven Sisters in 1998 – the highest points aggregate for a semi-final – is the highest score by a team in a semi-final.

• The only side that has failed to score in a WRU Cup semi-final to date is Aberavon who were beaten 38-0 by a Llanelli side that ran in seven tries at St Helen's, Swansea, in 1988.

• The record for most tries in a semi-final is ten, set by Llanelli in 1998. That year they beat the only village club to reach this stage (Seven Sisters) after falling behind three times during the match.

Results of this year's quarter-finals:

BRIDGEND 48, Swansea 25;**CARDIFF 20, Pontypridd 18;****Ebbw Vale 20, NEWPORT 41;****LLANELLI 49, Neath 17.**

RESULTS OF THE PREVIOUS SIXTY-TWO SEMI-FINALS: 1972-2002

1972	Llanelli	13-7	Aberavon	Neath	16-9	Cardiff
1973	Llanelli	6-3	Neath	Cardiff	12-8	Swansea
1974	Llanelli	16-14	Pontypool	Aberavon	9-4	Cardiff
1975	Llanelli	35-6	Bridgend	Aberavon	10-9	Pontypridd
1976	Llanelli	10-4	Ebbw Vale	Swansea	22-14	Pontypool
1977	Cardiff	15-6	Aberavon	Newport	7-3	Ebbw Vale
1978	Swansea	18-13	Cardiff	Newport	10-6	Aberavon
1979	Bridgend	18-13	Llanelli	Pontypridd	6-3	Aberavon
1980	Bridgend	18-10	Llanelli	Swansea	23-13	Newport
1981	Bridgend	22-15	Llanelli	Cardiff	18-7	Swansea
1982	Bridgend	9-6	Aberavon	Cardiff	21-11	Newbridge
1983	Pontypool	16-3	Bridgend	Swansea	19-6	Newbridge
1984	Cardiff	26-6	Llanelli	Neath	12-3	Aberavon
1985	Cardiff	24-3	Pontypool	Llanelli	24-10	Bridgend
1986	Cardiff	17-9	Bridgend	Newport	15-6	Aberavon
1987	Cardiff	16-6	Neath	Swansea	20-3	Newbridge
1988	Llanelli	38-0	Aberavon	Neath	20-9	Pontypridd
1989	Llanelli	26-24	Newbridge	Neath	19-12	Cardiff
1990	Bridgend	12-6	Aberavon	Neath	24-16	Swansea
1991	Llanelli	22-10	Neath	Pontypool	28-7	Swansea
1992	Llanelli	27-6	Pontypridd	Swansea	23-9	Newport
1993	Llanelli	29-18	Swansea	Neath	33-15	Bridgend
1994	Llanelli	23-7	Maesteg	Cardiff	8-6	Pontypridd
1995	Pontypridd	20-14	Llanelli	Swansea	16-9	Cardiff
1996	Pontypridd	35-17	Llanelli	Neath	24-22	Newport
1997	Cardiff	36-26	Llanelli	Swansea	26-15	Ebbw Vale
1998	Llanelli	61-16	Seven Sisters	Ebbw Vale	44-10	Newport
1999	Llanelli	39-10	Cardiff	Swansea	60-3	Cross Keys
2000	Llanelli	38-26	Ebbw Vale	Swansea	32-22	Pontypridd
2001	Newport	19-12	Ebbw Vale	Neath	26-17	Swansea
2002	Llanelli	34-17	Ebbw Vale	Pontypridd	31-25	Cardiff

Welsh Rugby Union Challenge Cup

PREVIOUS CUP ENCOUNTERS



CARDIFF
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• Llanelli's best Cup win against Cardiff was 39-10 in the 1999 semi final. Two years ago, in the seventh round, Cardiff crushed the Scarlets 65-16, the most points Llanelli have ever conceded in a WRU Cup tie.

Previous Cup Results

1972-73	Llanelli	30-7	(Final)
1976-77	Cardiff	25-15	(Third round)
1981-82	Cardiff	12-3	(Quarter final)
1983-84	Cardiff	26-6	(Semi final)
1984-85	Llanelli	15-14	(Final)
1989-90	Cardiff	15-4	(Fifth round)
1993-94	Cardiff	15-8	(Final)
1995-96	Llanelli	11-10	(Quarter final)
1996-97	Cardiff	36-26	(Semi final)
1998-99	Llanelli	39-10	(Semi final)
2000-01	Cardiff	65-16	(Seventh round)

• Cardiff and Llanelli first locked horns at Neath in front of 1500 spectators on March 12th, 1881 on the same day as the foundation meeting of the Welsh Rugby Union. The match was the fourth final of the original South Wales Challenge Cup and Cardiff won by a try, scored by Percy Heard, to nil after extra time.

• The clubs meet today for the twelfth time in the WRU Cup. Cardiff lead by seven wins to four. This is the fourth time the sides have met at the semi final stage: Cardiff won in 1984 and 1997, but Llanelli were successful when the clubs last met in the semis, in 1999.



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flanker Chris Scott, in the last minute of proper time. Then, four minutes into added time, Scott was penalised for not binding properly at a scrum and Evans slotted the winning points from in front of the posts.

Previous Cup Results

1974-75	Bridgend	18-7	(Quarter final)
1991-92	Newport	9-4	(Quarter final)
1992-93	Bridgend	18-16	(Quarter final)

• Bridgend lead by two wins to one in the three previous WRU Cup ties involving the sides.

• This is the first time that the clubs have met beyond the quarter final stages.

CUP FLASHBACK

April 3rd, 1993 at the Brewery Field, Bridgend

When the sides last met in the Cup, Bridgend won 18-16 through a late penalty goal by Luc Evans. Newport had taken the lead through the first try of the match, scored by

CUP FLASHBACK

January 8th, 1977 at Cardiff Arms Park

Llanelli led 12-0 at the interval, but the genius of Gareth Edwards, the lethal running of Gerald Davies and the steady confidence of the home forwards yielded 19 points for Cardiff to take the lead in the third quarter of the match. A late Gareth Davies try for Cardiff and an even later Phil Bennett penalty gave Cardiff a 25-15 victory in this third round tie. For the national selectors there were the worrying sights of both Gareth Edwards and Ray Gravell having to leave the field nursing injuries just a week ahead of Wales's opening Five Nations Championship fixture.

CARDIFF: M Owen; T G R Davies (captain), M Murphy, A Finlayson, C Camilleri; G Davies, G Edwards; B Nelses, A Phillips, G Wallace, I Robinson, C Smith, T Worgan, R Lane, R Dudley-Jones **Replacement** J Davies for Edwards
Scorers Tries: Camilleri (2), Gareth Davies, Nelses
Conversions: Gerald Davies (3) **Penalty Goal:** Gerald Davies
LLANELLI: C Griffiths; J J Williams, R Gravell, R Bergiers, D Nicholas; P Bennett (captain), S Williams; H Thomas, J Williams, B Llewellyn, P May, D Quinell, R Hyndman, H Jenkins, S Thomas **Replacement** A Hill for Gravell

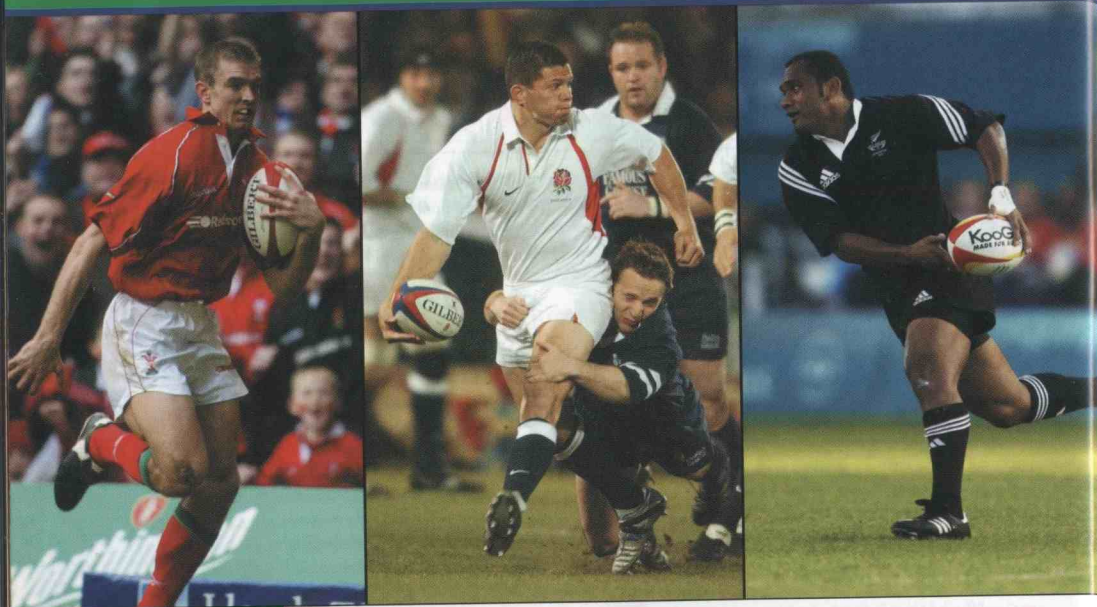
Scorers Try: Griffiths **Conversion:** Bennett**Penalty Goals:** Bennett (3)**Referee:** C Norling

BRIDGEND: D Davies; G Webbe, P Wintle, L Evans, G Wilkins; M Lewis, R Howley; D Rees, S Jones, R Shaw, S Jenkins, A Gwilym, J Derrick, N Spender, D Bryant (captain)

Replacement I Greenslade for Jones**Scorers Penalty Goals:** Evans (4), Wilkins**Dropped Goal:** Lewis

NEWPORT: S McCracken; I Jeffreys, R Bidgood (captain), M Yendle, J Westwood; D Rees, D Llewellyn; A Dibble, I Jones, S Duggan, A Allen, M Voyle, C Scott, D Waters, A Carter **Replacement** M Davis for Duggan

Scorers Try: Scott **Conversion:** Westwood**Penalty Goals:** Westwood (3)**Referee:** D R Davies



Above:
Dafydd James, Henry Paul
and Amasio Valence.

SEVENS STARS TO SHINE IN CARDIFF

WITH the Singapore IRB Sevens tournament being postponed because of the SARS virus, all eyes are on Cardiff for the two-day event on **May 31/June 1**.

All the sides will have had a two-month break since England's stunning defence of their Hong Kong crown in late March, and will be chasing crucial competition points in the second-last tournament of the series.

Leading up to the Cardiff tournament, and the final leg in London the following week, New Zealand lead the series with 92 points, followed by England (76), Fiji (74)

and Australia (52).

The Welsh side picked up four points in the opening leg in Dubai, and while they have failed to add to that since, will be out to impress in front of their home fans and bring back memories of last season's quality performances when they ended the series with 50 points.

Bridgend flyers, Dafydd James and Paul Jones, are members of the squad, while Cardiff backrower, Robin Sowden-Taylor, adds some bulk up front. Wales drew 10-all with the Cook Islands on day one at Hong Kong, followed by a 40-12 win over the Netherlands and a 43-5 loss to Samoa.

They drew the Cook Islands again in the Plate quarter-final, losing 24-19.

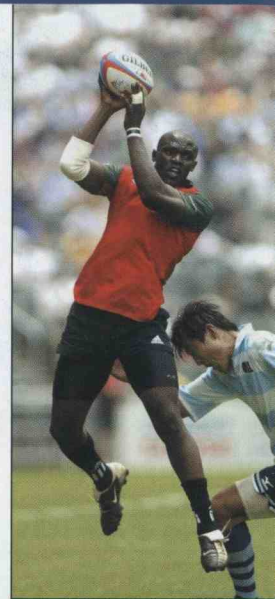
England, in particular, will be looking to repeat their Hong Kong success to move up the table and give the Kiwis a run for their money in the tournament finale at Twickenham. Their win over New Zealand in Hong Kong was only their second over the perennial world champions in 17 matches, but Joe Lydon's men showed enough class to make any opposition nervous.

Harlequins' Ugo Monye was the top try-scorer in Hong Kong, while flying Saracens winger, Richard Haughton showed his potential with a brace in the final. Throw in the guile and experience of former league star, Henry Paul, and the power of England 15-a-side international, Phil

Greening, and it's not a surprise that England have made such huge strides on the international stage.

New Zealand missed injured veteran Eric Rush, in the final, but can still call on the experienced Karl Tenana, the brilliance of Amasio Valence and newcomer, Tafai Ioasa. The Kiwis have won the past two titles in Cardiff, as well as the double in London, and are warm favourites for the hat-tricks.

One team to watch in the next few seasons is Kenya. After dazzling fans at last year's Commonwealth Games, the Kenyans had their moment of glory in Hong Kong with a 15-12 win over the highly-rated Australians. They made the quarter-finals of the Cup section before being outplayed 40-0 by South Africa, but are one of the most exciting teams on the tour.



Above:
Kenya could be a team to
keep an eye on.

Below:
Dallas Seymour leads the New Zealand victory haka after the IRB World Sevens Series Final last year at the Millennium Stadium, in Cardiff.



A BARBARIAN INVASION



It is the invitation that every player wants to receive but only a handful ever get - the chance to play for the most famous invitational club in world rugby.

The history and tradition of Barbarian FC stretches back some 113 years to an evening when WP Carpmael dreamt up the idea at the Leuchters Restaurant in Bradford of creating a select touring side.

From humble beginnings grew a concept that would catch the imagination of the game worldwide and come to represent the "sprit and soul" of the game throughout the ages.

The world's greatest players have been selected to wear the famous black and white jersey and they have returned that honour with some of the most memorable performances the game has seen.

Earlier this year the entire Barbarians side of 1973 gathered in Cardiff for the 30th anniversary of perhaps the most famous game of all-

against the mighty All Blacks and, of course, celebrate once again "that try" by Gareth Edwards.

The reunion was proof that the essence of Barbarian FC remains just as strong today - even amid the cut and thrust of professionalism - with players gratefully accepting the chance to add their bit to the club's history.

Added to the list of members will be two new names - Budge Pountney (Northampton Saints & Scotland) and Andre Vos (NEC Harlequins and South Africa) - who are among the first nine players to confirm they will be taking part in the Barbarian's end of season Lloyds TSB Tour when they will take on England, Scotland and Wales.

Budge Pountney said: "I have yet to play for the world's most famous representative club and I'm honoured to be invited.

"I have played with some of the great players both at club and international level and this will give me the

opportunity to play with some further outstanding names in world rugby.

"I can't think of a better way to round off the season playing expansive rugby at three top international venues."

The other players to accept invitations are Scott Quinnell (Llanelli & Wales), Iain Balshaw (Bath & England), Mick Galwey (Munster & Ireland), Thomas Castaignède (Saracens & France), Agustín Pichot (Bristol Shoguns & Argentina), Percy Montgomery (Newport & South Africa) and Daryl Gibson (Bristol Shoguns & New Zealand).

Scott Quinnell said; "I am excited at the prospect of representing the Baa-baas again, having played twice for the club against two southern hemisphere touring sides (New Zealand in 1993 and Australia in 1996).

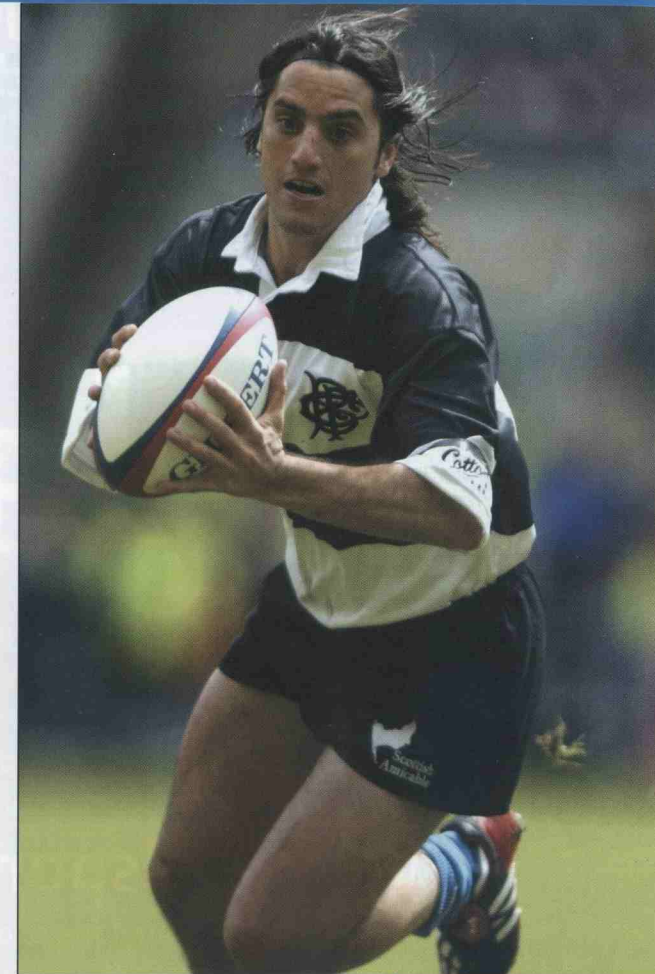
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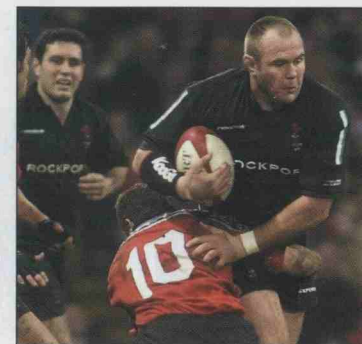
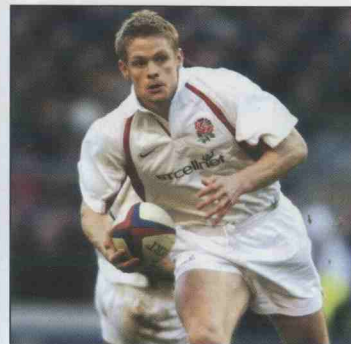
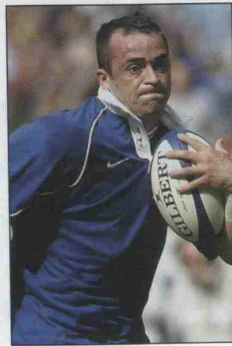
Budge Pountney

Below and Opposite:

Some of the international stars who will join the Barbarians tour this season (left to right): Percy Montgomery, Budge Pountney, Thomas Castaignède, Daryl Gibson, Iain Balshaw and Scott Quinnell.



Above: Agustín Pichot, the Bristol and Argentina scrum half.



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Scott Quinnell

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As Operations & Safety Manager for the Millennium Stadium I should like to draw to your attention a number of key issues in order that you may enjoy your visit in the safest possible way.

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Many thanks for your co-operation. I hope you enjoy your visit to Millennium Stadium.

Geraint H Evans

Operations & Safety Manager

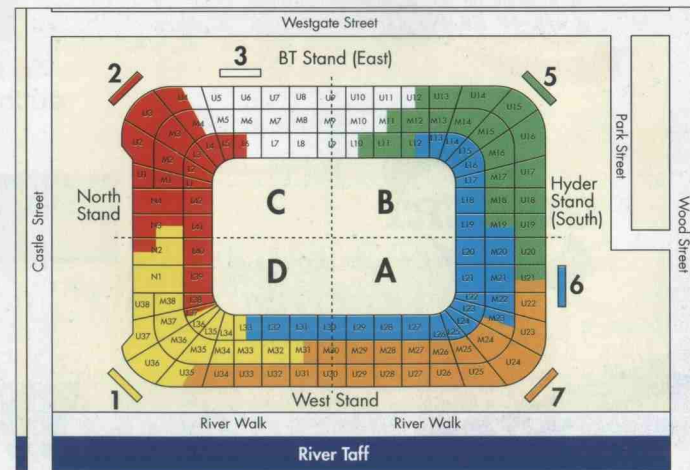


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