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**1972**



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*By J. B. G. THOMAS, (Sports Editor, Western Mail)*

Today's Snelling Sevens Tournament is the 19th in the series launched at Rodney Parade, Newport in 1954, when Kenneth Jeffrey Jones was one of the World's leading wings and runner of Olympic quality. In that first series, won by his own club, he had so many passes and chances to run for the line, that he must have thought he was in the "rugby valhalla" where all rugby was open!

The introduction of Sevens into Wales, by sixteen of the major clubs, was something of a revolution and it captured the imagination of Welshmen, who took to the game like the Borderers of Scotland, men who have so much akin to the Welsh.

Fifteen a side rugby was hard in the fifties and it was not easy for clubs to provide their wings with continuous chances, although Roy Burnett and his fellows did as much as they could for Ken Jones! Nowadays, the situation has changed and the amendments to the laws and greater team organisation, which has removed some of the pressures from mid field, have helped produce more open rugby in all grades.

Thus players should be more ready nowadays to run with the ball and not find Sevens rugby as difficult to play well, as in the early days of the Snelling Tournament. Again, since 1954, there have been inaugurated many tournaments and even a National one by the W.R.U., to bring in smaller clubs to meet the major ones. Again, Sevens Tournaments have helped to raise badly-needed cash for Clubs and causes.

The magnificent Twickenham Sevens continues to grow in stature and support, while more Tournaments are staged in the Scottish Borders than ever before. Here in Wales, the Snelling Tournament retains its interest and its quality, and this year the Clubs should make a special effort to entertain and succeed.

Last year will be remembered as "Llanelli's Year" or the "Year of the Scarlets", for they were superb in the art of Sevens, winning the Snelling Trophy and the National Tournaments, and there is every reason to expect them to try hard to retain the Snelling Cup today, despite their important engagement next week, here at the same ground, when they meet Neath in the final of the WRU Challenge Cup!

If they can carry off the Snelling and the Challenge Cup on successive Saturdays, they move off to South Africa in June with their heads high, if not above the clouds, despite the 707 that will whisk them away to the Southern hemisphere!

Yet Neath, are equally determined to carry off both trophies in their happy Centenary Year, while Newport, Bridgend and Cardiff are equally determined challengers. Newport have won nine of the previous 18 tournaments and could surprise all again today, even though they are not favourites, while some of the Clubs who have never won the Trophy could succeed. Of the 16 in the Tournament only six have won it; Newport, Cardiff, Ebbw Vale, Llanelli, Neath and Bridgend.

The large crowd present invariably support the "underdogs" and they enjoy seeing the less-fancied get through to the Semi-finals. They enjoy, too, the interval match of the "midgets" between the semi and the final rounds.

Again, the first round Ties are important for the winners go through to the first round of the National Sevens in August. It is a happy day, and a rugby outing for the family, and the longest day of entertainment that can be provided in Wales for the rugby follower.

As always, the Snelling Tournament committee has worked hard and there is no reason why today's fare should not be as good as in previous years, while we must not forget the hard working referees, who really have to "run for their beer" today!



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Llanelli, winners of the 1971 Snelling Challenge Cup at the Arms Park National Stadium  
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A. Reynolds, P. Bennett (capt.), J. Thomas.

WELSH RUGBY UNION CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

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## Teams and Players in Today's Matches

### ABERAVON

Colours: Red and Black

Dennis Curling	...	...	14
Jeff Thomas	...	...	13
Ian Hall (Capt.)	...	...	12
Clive Shell	...	...	11
Ogwen Alexander	...	...	6
Mike Nicholas	...	...	7
Clive Jones	...	...	8
Huw Jenkins	...	...	9
David Condon	...	...	4
Ken Lloyd	...	...	5

### ABERTILLERY

Colours: Green and White

Jeffrey Harris	...	...	14
Michael Partridge	...	...	13
Adrian Rees	...	...	12
Robert Harris	...	...	11
Keith Weeks	...	...	10
John Jenkins	...	...	9
Martin Brickell	...	...	2
Martin Truran	...	...	4
Malcolm Lewis	...	...	6
Andrew Evans (Capt.)	...	...	7

### BRIDGEND

Colours: Blue and White stripes

John Williams	...	...	10
Vivian Jenkins	...	...	9
Norman Lang	...	...	8
Ian Lewis	...	...	7
Lyndon Thomas	...	...	6
John Lloyd (Capt.)	...	...	1
Gareth Jones	...	...	2
Geoff Davies	...	...	3
Peter Williams	...	...	4
Alan Walters	...	...	5

### CARDIFF

Colours: Cambridge Blue and Black

Roger Lane	...	...	1
Gary Davies	...	...	2
Neil Williams	...	...	3
John Davies	...	...	4
John Regan (Capt.)	...	...	5
Alex Finlayson	...	...	6
John Bevan	...	...	7
Wayne Lewis	...	...	8
Carl Smith	...	...	9
Mervyn John	...	...	10

### CROSS KEYS

Colours: Black and White

G. D. N. Shipp	...	...	1
R. Windsor	...	...	2
D. Finch	...	...	3
L. Shipp	...	...	4
J. Troup	...	...	5
W. Lewis	...	...	6
P. Watkins	...	...	7
C. Maidment	...	...	8
T. Williams	...	...	9
W. James	...	...	10

### EBBW VALE

Colours: Red, Green and White

Graham Evans	...	...	1
Gerwyn Williams	...	...	2
Peter Moyle	...	...	3
Glyn Turner	...	...	4
Arthur Lewis	...	...	5
Robert Fowler	...	...	6
Anthony Holvey	...	...	7
Ian Evans	...	...	8
Brian Lease	...	...	9
Ray Parry	...	...	10

### GLAMORGAN WANDERERS R.F.C.

Colours: Camb. Blue, Black and White

Nick Williams	...	...	1
Terry O'Gorman	...	...	2
David Ivins	...	...	3
Tommy Coombes (Capt.)	...	...	4
Mike Thomas	...	...	5
Gwyn Williams	...	...	6
Paddy Keepings	...	...	7
Louis Hughes	...	...	8
Alun Thomas	...	...	9
Huw Davies	...	...	10

### LLANELLI R.F.C.

Colours: Scarlet

Andy Hill	...	...	14
Roy Bergiers	...	...	12
Roy Mathias	...	...	11
Phil Bennett (Capt.)	...	...	10
John Thomas	...	...	9
Hefin Jenkins	...	...	8
Arwyn Reynolds	...	...	2
Gareth Jenkins	...	...	7
Bernard Thomas	...	...	6
Selwyn Williams	...	...	15

## Teams and Players in Today's Matches

### MAESTEG R.F.C.

Colours: Black and Amber

Jim Owen	...	...	1
Paul Davies (Capt.)	...	...	2
William Pole	...	...	3
Glyn Lee	...	...	4
John Elias	...	...	5
Billy Upton	...	...	10
Ray Hopkins	...	...	9
Ralph Evans	...	...	6
Glyn Griffiths	...	...	7
Bob Bassett	...	...	8

### NEATH R.F.C.

Colours: Black with White Maltese Cross

Wynne Davies	...	...	15
David Jenkins	...	...	12
David Parker	...	...	10
Martyn Davies	...	...	9
Wilson Lauder	...	...	6
Norman Rees	...	...	2
David Morris	...	...	8
Jeff McAvoy	...	...	11
Don Davies	...	...	14
Glyn Shaw	...	...	3

### NEWBRIDGE R.F.C.

Colours: Blue and Black

Dennis Hughes	...	...	1
Alan Williams	...	...	2
Clive Davis	...	...	3
Terry Francis	...	...	4
Brynmor Hughes	...	...	5
Jeffrey Martin	...	...	6
Brian Anthony	...	...	7
Stephen Geary	...	...	8
Tony Browning	...	...	9
Paul Elwards	...	...	10

### NEWPORT R.F.C.

Colours: Black and Amber

John Anthony	...	...	15
Paul Evans	...	...	14
Niel Edwards	...	...	13
Clive Jenkins	...	...	12
Alan Evans	...	...	11
Peter Williams	...	...	1
Geoffrey Evans	...	...	2
Keith Poole	...	...	3
John Watkins	...	...	4
Del Haines	...	...	5

### PENARTH

Colours: Royal Blue

Gerrie Oram	...	...	5
Terry Ellis	...	...	6
Mike Edwards	...	...	7
Alan Stamp	...	...	8
John Huw Williams	...	...	9
Alun Jones	...	...	10
Peter Griffiths	...	...	11
John Evans	...	...	12
John Powell	...	...	13
Ray Taylor	...	...	14

### PONTYPOOL

Colours: Red, White and Black Hoops

Graham Price	...	...	1
Ronald Taylor	...	...	2
John Davies	...	...	3
Dennis Wright	...	...	4
Jeff McCabe	...	...	5
Derek Thomas	...	...	9
Phillip Waters	...	...	10
Terry Cobner (Capt.)	...	...	11
Gordon Collins	...	...	12
Chris Bradshaw	...	...	13

### PONTYPRIDD

Colours: Black and White Hoops

Tommy David	...	...	1
Dennis Young	...	...	2
David Morgan	...	...	3
Bob Penberthy	...	...	4
Dennis John (Capt.)	...	...	5
Colin Bolderson	...	...	6
Colin Riley	...	...	7
Brian Williamson	...	...	8
Alyn Paul	...	...	9
Jeff Sparkes	...	...	10

### SWANSEA R.F.C.

Colours: All White

Colin Davies	...	...	1
Martin Davies	...	...	2
Darryn Cole	...	...	3
David Protheroe	...	...	4
Mel James	...	...	5
Alan Mages	...	...	6
Roger Hyndman	...	...	7
Arwel Rees	...	...	8
Graham Wyatt	...	...	9
Geoff Atherton	...	...	10



# THE SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT, 1972 for the "SNELLING" CHALLENGE CUP and the "BILL EVERSON" AWARD

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL
<p><i>Match</i></p> <p>1 <b>PENARTH</b> v <b>MAESTEG</b> <span style="float: right;">6 8</span></p> <p>12.00 noon (Ref: C. G. Thomas)</p> <p>2 <b>CARDIFF</b> v <b>PONTYPRIDD</b></p> <p>12.20 p.m. (Ref: M. S. Lewis)</p> <p>3 <b>NEWPORT</b> v <b>LLANELLI</b></p> <p>12.40 p.m. (Ref: M. Joseph)</p> <p>4 <b>NEATH</b> v <b>ABERAVON</b></p> <p>1.0 p.m. (Ref: E. M. Lewis)</p> <p>5 <b>BRIDGEND</b> v <b>PONTYPOOL</b></p> <p>1.20 p.m. (Ref: J. S. P. Evans)</p> <p>6 <b>SWANSEA</b> v <b>NEWBRIDGE</b></p> <p>1.40 p.m. (Ref: D. M. Lloyd)</p> <p>7 <b>EBBW VALE</b> v <b>CROSS KEYS</b></p> <p>2.0 p.m. (Ref: D. M. Davies)</p> <p>8 <b>GLAM. WANDERERS</b> v <b>ABERTILLERY</b></p> <p>2.20 p.m. (Ref: J. Kelleher)</p>	<p>(A) } 9 <b>MAESTEG</b> .....(A)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 13 <b>CARDIFF</b> .....(A)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 10 .....(A)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 4.10 p.m. (Ref: D. M. Lloyd)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 3.0 p.m. (Ref: M. S. Lewis)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 11 <b>BRIDGEND</b> .....(A)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 14 <b>BRIDGEND</b> .....(A)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 12 .....(A)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 4.30 p.m. (Ref: J. Kelleher)</p> <p>(B) }</p> <p>(A) } 3.40 p.m. (Ref: C. G. P. Thomas)</p> <p>(B) }</p>	<p>13 <b>CARDIFF</b> .....(A)</p> <p>15 <b>CARDIFF</b> .....(A)</p> <p>4.10 p.m. (Ref: D. M. Lloyd)</p> <p>5.30 p.m. (Ref: D. M. Davies)</p> <p>14 <b>BRIDGEND</b> .....(A)</p> <p>12 .....(A)</p> <p>4.30 p.m. (Ref: J. Kelleher)</p>	<p>Interval Match</p> <p>5.0 p.m.</p> <p>Ref: J. S. P. Evans</p> <p><b>CARDIFF</b> .....(A)</p> <p><b>BRIDGEND</b> .....(B)</p>

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3. The duration of each game, before the final game, will be fifteen minutes, i.e., seven minutes each way with one minute interval at half-time. In the event of no decision being reached after fifteen minutes play, the teams shall change over and continue playing until one side scores, such side being the winners, ends being changed every seven minutes if necessary. In extra time there will be no intervals. The final tie will be played for ten minutes each way, with an interval of two minutes at half-time.
4. A scrummage will be formed by not less than three players on each side.
5. Teams must be prepared to turn out at the time stated on the Official Programme or at such time as indicated by the Tournament Sub-Committee. In the event any team refusing to so turn out they will be automatically disqualified and their opponents declared the winners.
6. Each team will be represented by 10 players whose names shall be furnished to the Organising Official in charge of the Tournament at least one hour before their first tie and from which seven must be nominated for the first tie and the same seven must play throughout the Tournament except in the case of injury when an injured player may be substituted (on the decision of the Medical Officer in attendance) by one of the other nominated players. No injured player, if substituted, can take any further part in the Tournament. No substitutes will be allowed during the course of a tie.
7. The Committee reserve the right to give their decision on any point which may arise in the interpretation of these rules, and this decision shall be final.
8. The decision of the referee on all questions relative to play shall be final.
9. The times stated on the programme are only approximate. The Committee do not bind themselves that the ties will be played at the time stated.

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1954	Newport beat Ebbw Vale 6-0 (Newport)
1955	Cardiff beat Newport 8-3 (Newport)
1956	Newport beat Penarth 5-3 (Swansea)
1957	Newport beat Abertillery 11-8 (Swansea)
1958	Ebbw Vale beat Newport 10-5 (Cardiff)
1959	Newport beat Pontypool 6-3 (Newport)
1960	Llanelli beat Penarth 14-10 (Cardiff)
1961	Newport beat Pontypool 8-3 (Cardiff)
1962	Newport beat Neath 19-3 (Swansea)
1963	Newport beat Bridgend 8-0 (Cardiff)
1964	Neath beat Cardiff 10-5 (Cardiff)
1965	Newport beat Newbridge 9-8 (Swansea)
1966	Cardiff beat Newport *23-20 (Cardiff)
1967	Newport beat Cardiff 21-15 (Cardiff)
1968	Bridgend beat Pontypool 25-5 (Cardiff)
1969	Cardiff beat Llanelli 18-15 (Cardiff)
1970	Neath beat Ebbw Vale 18-8 (Cardiff)
1971	Llanelli beat Newport 31-10 (Cardiff)

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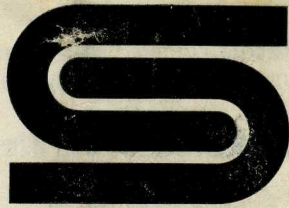
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