

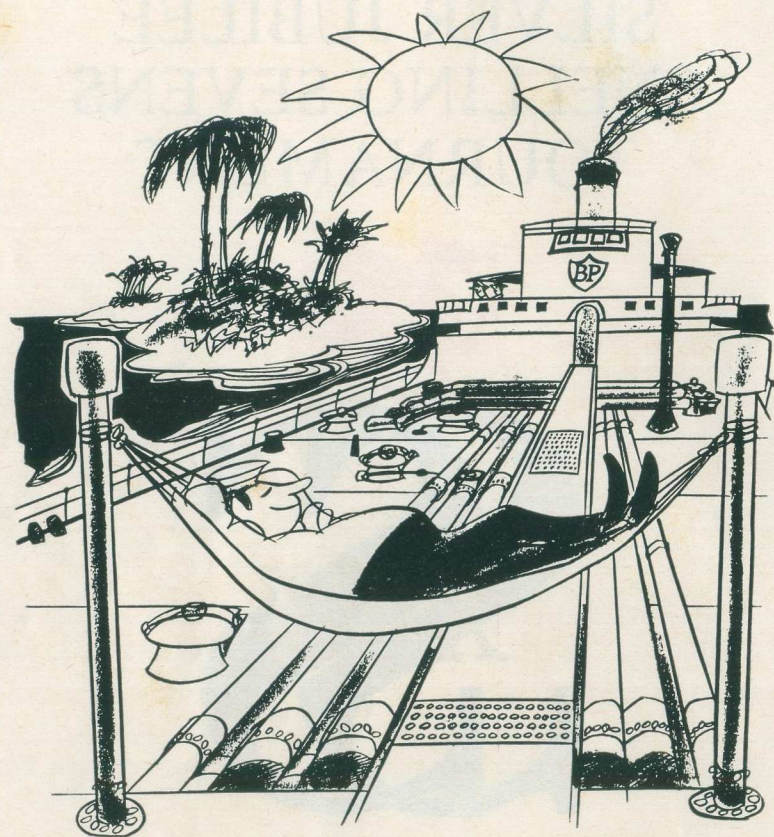
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The winners so far have been:—

1967	David Watkins (Newport)
1968	John Williams (Bridgend)
1969	Barry John (Cardiff)
1970	Dai Parker (Neath)
1971	John Thomas (Llanelli)
1972	John Davies (Cardiff)
1973	Roy Bergiers (Llanelli)
1974	Viv Jenkins (Bridgend)
1975	Stuart Lane (Cardiff)
1976	Chris Camilleri (Cardiff)

PREVIOUS WINNERS

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)
1972	Cardiff beat Bridgend 15-4 (Cardiff)
1973	Llanelli beat Newbridge 52-6 (Cardiff)
1974	Bridgend beat Swansea 30-14 (Cardiff)
1975	Bridgend beat Cardiff 32-12 (Cardiff)
1976	Cardiff beat Newport 18-8 (Cardiff)

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As we grow old the Game goes on!

By J. B. G. THOMAS

[Chief Rugby writer, Western Mail]

When one realises that the Snelling Sevens were launched by Newport in 1954, one feels a little old at having witnessed the first fine Tournament at Rodney Parade, with happy memories of Reg Snelling, Bill Everson and another dear friend, Vincent Griffiths. One of the heroes of that first Tournament would not like me to call him "old" as he is extremely sprightly and a cheerful member of the Press Box, Ken Jones; a player born to the wide open spaces of the Sevens field!

I am still glad to meet those players from Newport and Ebbw Vale who appeared in the first final of 1954 and, in a manner of speaking, they were pioneers. Newport won the Snelling Trophy 6-0 and then lost it to Cardiff in the next year 8-3. The Tournament moved on to Swansea where Penarth were unlucky to lose to Newport as a dropped goal was not awarded.

It remained at Swansea in 1957 before visiting Cardiff in 1958. Back to Newport in the next year and a few more visits to Swansea before taking up permanent residence at the National Ground at the Cardiff Arms Park in 1966 and that was a memorable final.

It was a really hot day and, as I waited for the train to travel to London en route to New Zealand with the 1966 Lions, I could hear cheer and counter cheer from the station platform at Cardiff. Nothing was more annoying, as it seemed to go on for a long time! Answer: it went into extra time before Cardiff beat Newport 23-20 in one of the best of finals. In 1967 Newport had their revenge and won 21-15. Another close final was in 1969 when Cardiff beat Llanelli 18-15 only for Llanelli to create a record by winning 52-6 in 1973.

The Everson Trophy was not launched until 1967 after the sad passing of Bill Everson, a stalwart Newport player and administrator and, appropriately one of the Wizards of the Sevens field, David Watkins, deservedly won it. Most of the winners of the trophy have been dapper, darting, speedy performers, with Roy Bergiers as the biggest of them, in 1973.

One wonders who will carry off the trophies today? Will Cardiff hold on to the Snelling Trophy? It will not be easy, as there are many good challengers and the Tournament is confined once again to the 16 clubs, without any outside guests.

However, one hopes that every club will give of its best and try hard to get through the first round, so as to qualify for the National Sevens at Aberavon. In some years, some clubs have not taken it seriously, and Llanelli rather fell from grace in the Tournament last season when they had to borrow a player to complete their seven.

With their vast resources, even allowing for the three Lions being absent, they should field a first class seven today. Newport and Bridgend will be especially keen to take the trophy from Cardiff, and they have several players well suited to the Sevens game.

Cross Keys did well to get to the semi-final last season where they were beaten by Newport while Pontypridd as Club champions were defeated by Bath in the preliminary round. To succeed, a club must prepare, and it would be fitting if a new name appeared on the honours list since Cardiff, Newport, Ebbw Vale, Llanelli, Neath and Bridgend have all tasted sweet victory. These six clubs will make a bid today but, if one of the other ten clubs won it there would be true cause for celebration.

The Snelling Committee would like to thank all sponsors and the Press for their help, and the WRU for the use of the National Ground as well as the Cardiff club for its hospitality.

John James

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THE SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT, 1977 for the "SNELLING" CHALLENGE CUP and the "BILL EVERSON AWARD"

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL
<p>Match 1 ABERAVON (A) v PONTYPOOL (B) 12 noon (Ref: W. Jones)</p> <p>2 ABERTILLERY (A) v PENARTH (B) 12.20 p.m. (Ref: A. Richards)</p> <p>3 GLAM. WANDS. (A) v EBBW VALE (B) 12.40 p.m. (Ref: A. W. Bevan)</p> <p>4 NEWPORT (A) v CROSS KEYS (B) 1.00 p.m. (Ref: C. Norling)</p> <p>5 PONTYPRIDD (A) v NEWBRIDGE (B) 1.20 p.m. (Ref: J. C. Kelleher)</p> <p>6 CARDIFF (A) v MAESTEG (B) 1.40 p.m. (Ref: F. Smith)</p> <p>7 NEATH (A) v SWANSEA (B) 2.00 p.m. (Ref: K. Rowlands)</p> <p>8 LLANELLI (A) v BRIDGEND (B) 2.20 p.m. (Ref: J. D. Samuel)</p>	<p>9 ABERAVON 12-10 (A)</p> <p>10 GLAM. WANDS. 16-10 (A)</p> <p>11 PONTYPRIDD 22-6 (A)</p> <p>12 NEATH 22-12 (A)</p> <p>13 PENARTH 18-10 (B)</p> <p>14 BRIDGEND 28-6 (B)</p> <p>2.40 p.m. (Ref: K. Rowlands)</p> <p>3.00 p.m. (Ref: F. Smith)</p> <p>3.20 p.m. (Ref: J. D. Samuel)</p> <p>3.40 p.m. (Ref: A. Richards)</p>	<p>PENARTH 18-6</p> <p>NEWPORT 24-8 (B)</p> <p>4.10 p.m. (Ref: C. Norling)</p> <p>CARDIFF 22-12 (A)</p> <p>NEATH 22-18 (B)</p> <p>4.30 p.m. (Ref: A. W. Bevan)</p>	<p>16 NEWPORT 40-6 (A)</p> <p>CARDIFF 24-16</p> <p>5.30 p.m. (Ref: J. C. Kelleher)</p>

Interval Match (15)
5.00 p.m.
(Ref: W. Jones)

The Trophies will be
presented immediately
after the Final



By relating the letters A and B in each match to the score-board spectators will be able to follow details of the score
Between the last Semi-Final and Final Games, the Final of the Schools Under 11's Seven-a-Side Tournament will be played



Teams and Players in today's matches

ABERAVON

Colours: Red and Black

Jim Owen	1
Billy James	2
Adrian Owen	5
Richie Davies	7
Thil Clarke	8
Alan Lane	9
Ken James	11
Peter Shaddis	12
Les Keen	14
Greg Rees	15

BRIDGEND

Colours: Blue and White

Gerald Williams	9
Ian Lewis (Captain)	10
Vivian Jenkins	12
Ffrangcon Owen	13
Robert Hopkins	14
J.P.R. Williams	1
Geoff Davies	2
Meredydd James	3
Gareth Williams	4
Lyn Davies	5

CROSS KEYS

Colours: Black and White

David Larnar	1
Jeff McCabe	2
Kerry Williams	3
Gareth Fynn	4
Lyn Jones	5
Keith Jefferson	6
Geoff Hughes	7
Glyn Bram	8
Garry Davies	9
Alan Davies	10

GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

Colours: Camb. Blue, Black, White

Phillip Adamson	2
Mike Thomas	5
John Griffiths	6
John Paytherch	7
Billy James	9
David Williams	10
Pat Daniels	12
Mark Henry	13
Terry Usher	14
Andrew Yeandle	11

ABERTILLERY

Colours: Green and White

David Rees	13
Wayne Hagley	12
Steve Hardacre	11
Robert Harris	10
Allan Austin	9
Frank Jackas	1
Mike Cairns (Captain)	2
Allan Higgins	3
Gareth Cowley	4
Robert Norster	5

CARDIFF

Colours: Cambridge Blue and Black

Gerald Davies (Captain)	1
Chris Camilleri	2
Paul Evans	3
John Davies	4
Trevor Worgan	5
Alan Phillips	6
Bob Dudley-Jones	7
Peter Bolland	8
Julian O'Brien	9
Mark McJennett	10

EBBW VALE

Colours: Red, Green and White

Clive Burgess	1
Jonathan Williams	2
David Fryer	3
Michel Van Der Loos	4
Steve Lewis (Captain)	9
Gary Lawrence	10
Peter Griffiths	11
Ian Evans	12
Russell Cole	13
Neil Mathews	14

LLANELLI

Colours: Scarlet and White

Clive Griffiths	15
Andy Hill	14
Roy Bergiers	13
Raymond Gravell	12
David Nicholas	11
Colin Thomas	10
Howard Thomas	2
Alun Davies	6
Steve Thomas	7
Hefin Jenkins	8
Selwyn Williams	9

Teams and Players in today's matches

MAESTEG

Colours: Black and Amber

William Pole (Captain)	1
Alan Fall	2
David Arthur	3
John Morgan	4
Ian Hopkins	8
Alan Thomas	9
Gwyn Evans	10
Phillip Martell	11
Glyn Griffiths	12
Phillip J. Phillips	13

NEWBRIDGE

Colours: Blue and Black

Tony Browning	15
Alwyn Evans	14
Dick Perrott	13
Paul Daniel	12
Justin Robinson	10
Lloyd Davies	9
Clive Davies	8
Malcolm Lewis	7
John Jones	6
Bob Main	1

PENARTH

Colours: Blue and White hoops

P. Helmore	1
J. Parsond	2
D. Ings	3
D. John	4
M. Tanetta	5
A. Hodge	6
D. Davies	7
L. Burrup	8
M. Edwards	9
W. Atwill	10

PONTYPRIDD

Colours: Black and White hoops

Tommy David (Captain)	1
Mike Alexander	2
Chris Selden	3
Robin Morgan	4
Jeff Hazzard	5
Adrian Barwood	6
Karl Swain	7
Brian Juliff	8
Colin Bolderson	9
Steve Moule	10

NEATH

Colours: Black, White Maltese Cross

Wynne Davies	15
Alan Rose	14
John Poole	13
Ricky Rees	9
Wilson Lauder	6
Roy Lewis	8
Glyn Shaw	7
Robert Hughes	5
Mike Richards	11
Nigel Price	10

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

C. Webber	15
N. Brown	14
L. Davies	13
A. Evans	11
D. Rogers	10
G. Billingham	9
J. Squire	8
B. Lease	7
R. Taylor	6
J. Watkins	5

PONTYPOOL

Colours: Red, White, Black hoops

John Perkins	1
Steve Donaghue	2
Brian Gregory	3
Kevin Morris	4
Bleddyn Taylor	5
John Walters	6
Nigel Smith	7
Paul Clarke	8
Tony Morgan	9
Lyn Watkins	10

SWANSEA

Colours: All White

Baden Evans	1
Phil Llewellyn	3
Jeff Herdman	2
Barry Clegg	4
Phil Jones	5
Huw Davies	6
Robert Dyer	7
Gerwyn Jones	8
Huw Rees	9
Gareth Jenkins	10

RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT

1. The game shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Welsh Rugby Union.
2. The Tournament shall be played on the knock-out principle, the Clubs being drawn against one another by ballot.
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 of 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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Teams and Players in the Interval Match

5.00 p.m.

(Referee: W. Jones)

GLAMORGAN WANDERERS JUNIORS				MAESTEG JUNIORS			
Colours: Cambridge Blue, Black and White				Colours: Amber			
Robbie McTiffin	...	...	1	I. Hill	...	...	1
Steven Meldrum	...	...	2	J. Anderson	...	...	2
Joseph Mitchell	...	...	3	S. Thomas	...	...	3
Simon Powell	...	...	4	A. Petty	...	...	4
Mark Pickard	...	...	5	A. Parry	...	...	5
John Pritchard	...	...	6	I. Jenkins	...	...	6
Brian Free	7	H. Williams	7
Paul Cuddihy	8	A. Stewart	8
Tony Gill	9	R. Lee	9
Kevin Jones	10	M. Lewis	10

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