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BRIDGEND WILL BE CHALLENGED

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

One of the liveliest clubs in South Wales, devoted to running football, Bridgend, carried off the magnificent Snelling Trophy last April, for the first time since the launching of the tournament 16 years ago. They deservedly won it, too, for they played clever football and had a "long distance" runner in John Williams, the sprinter who scored seven tries during the afternoon.

In the semi final last year Bridgend beat Llanelli and Pontypool beat Newport in extra time to create the upset of the afternoon while Bridgend had already beaten the luckless Maesteg and Cardiff. The final proved to be one sided because poor Pontypool had exhausted themselves in the tremendous semi final with Newport which went to the eighth minute of injury time!

Today the top sixteen clubs start all over again, and each one has its own ambition to do well. Bridgend would like to hold on to the Snelling Trophy; Newport would like to achieve the "double" as in 1962; Llanelli very much want to add the title to their Floodlit Trophy; Cardiff have selected a stronger seven in the hope they can do it while Maesteg are desperately keen to go into the second round for the first time.

Unfortunately, the Cardiff Arms Park is being rebuilt and it is not an easy year for the Organising Committee, with so few facilities available to them. One does not envisage any delays in the normal efficient running of the tournament but spectators should be understanding if there are any delays. Again, they should not take up too much room in their seats to allow for more spectators.

Again it is sad that only 29,000 will be able to watch the Sevens instead of nearly 50,000, but is only for one season, and next year there can be a full house again.

Since last April, one of the hardest workers in the organisation, the former chairman of the Snelling Tournament, Mr. J. Lot Thorn of Penarth passed away. He will be missed today and at his funeral it was good to see officials and players from most of the Clubs in the tournament paying their last respects to a loyal campaigner for the game in general and Sevens football in particular.

Since Newport headed by the late Bill Everson, whose memory is perpetuated by the Everson Award for the best individual player, inspired the Tournament, there has been growing interest in the event and players enjoy taking part, as if release from the bondage of 15 a side. The wide open spaces appeal to them, and if a few clubs remain without the technique, they lack nothing in enthusiasm.

The referees, too, deserve the thanks of every one for their "devotion to duty" and blowing at high speed, while all those who have assisted in making the Tournament possible are deserving of praise.

Someone asked me this week, which club would be favourite to win the Trophy this year, but I found the question impossible to answer! The real attraction of Sevens rugby is that anything can happen; yes anything and a new name on the honours list today would please almost everyone, but there are several good sides in today's competition and as Organising Secretary Frank Trott said, "It is so open and exciting, that one cannot even forecast the last four of the semi finals!" Thus it promises to be an exciting day.

Last Years Winners



BRIDGEND R.F.C.

Standing: Peter Williams, J. P. R. Williams, Brian Jones, John Williams,
Peter Dickenson (Referee).

In front: Geoff Davies, John Lloyd (Captain), Ron Evans.

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Colours: Red and Black

Fred Pridham	10
Ian Hall	9
John Simonson	8
Jeff Butt	7
John Shore	6
Michael Nicholas	5
Billy Mainwaring	4
Alan Martin	3
Omri Jones	2
Phil Morgan	1

CROSS KEYS

Colours: Black and White

Roger Beese	1
Jeff Martin	2
Roger Davies	3
Derek S. Thomas	4
Derek Evans	5
John Troup	6
Derek L. Thomas	7
Tony Haines	8
John Drinkwater	9
Jeff Jones	10

ABERTILLERY

Colours: Green and White

Roddie Jones	11
Ralph Henderson	15
Alan J. Lewis	14
David Liddington	13
David Hoyle	10
David Powell	6
Denis Wright	8
Ian Brice	5
Gary Cooper	4
Brian Wilkins	2

EBBW VALE

Colours: Red, Green and White

Arthur Lewis	1
Les Greenslade	2
Gareth Nowls	3
Norman Edwards	4
Geoff Cartwright	5
Graham Evans	6
Cliff Hillman	7
Gordon Shipp	8
Glyn Turner	9
Mike Grindle	10

BRIDGEND

Colours: Blue and White

John Williams	15
David Griffiths	14
Geoff Davies	13
Ron Evans	12
Alan Walters	11
John Lloyd (Captain)	1
Brian Jones	2
Peter Williams	3
Derek Brain	4
Gordon Collier	5

GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

Colours: Camb. Blue, Black and White

Phillip Walsh	1
Christopher Owen	2
Geoffrey Davies	3
Steven Williams	4
Stuart Watkins	5
Tommy Coombes	6
Ian Edwards	7
Terry O'Gorman	8
Vivian Williams	9
Hugh Thomas	10

CARDIFF

Colours: Cambridge Blue and Black

Maurice Richards	10
Barry John	9
Tony Williams	8
Gareth Edwards	7
Lyn Baxter	6
Meirion Davies	5
Tony Pender	4
John Hickey	3
Brian Coles	2
Merwyn John	1

LLANELLI R.F.C.

Colours: Scarlet

Stuart Gallacher	1
Arwyn Reynolds	2
Clive John	3
John Thomas	4
Phil Bennet	5
Alan Lewis	6
Andy Hill	7
Alan John	8
Derek Quinnell	9
Roy Mathias	10

Teams and Players in Today's Matches

MAESTEG

Colours: Black & Amber or Light Blue

Tudor Davies	11
Norman Davies	12
Billy Upton	13
Raymond Hopkins	9
Graham Meyer	10
Paul Davies	2
Billy Pole	8
Ralph Evans	6
Terry Diaper	5
Colin Stephens	7

PENARTH

Colours: Royal Blue

Alun Jones (Capt.)	1
Alan Stamp	2
David Joynson	3
David Davies	4
Keith Edwards	5
Brian Mort	6
Albert Reed	7
Jim Struthers	8
Henry Bohlen	9
Julian Davies	10

NEATH

Colours: Black (with White Maltese Cross)

Hywel Williams	11
Glen Ball	13
David Parker	10
Martin Davies	9
Wilson Lauder	8
Alan Mages	2
David Morris	7
David Thomas	6
Barrie Davies	4
Mike Shaw	14

PONTYPOOL

Colours: Red, White and Black Hoops

Laurie Daniel (Capt.)	1
Adrian Hearn	2
Richie Pugh	3
Terry Cobner	4
Stuart Turner	5
David Games	6
Roger Williams	7
Brian Gregory	8
Ken Jones	9
Noel Williams	10

NEWBRIDGE

Colours: Blue and Black

Denis Hughes	1
Russell Shipp	2
Geoffrey Evans	3
Stephen Geary	4
Terry Evans	5
Lyn Thomas	6
Cyril Evans	7
John Worward	8
David Morgan	9
Brian Anthony	10

PONTYPRIDD R.F.C.

Colours: Black and White

Arfon Jones (Capt.)	1
Tom David	2
Ritchie Hope	3
Dennis John	4
David Llewellyn	5
Joe Smith	6
Greg Ashcroft	7
Richard Jones	8
David Edwards	9
Brian Williamson	10

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Barry Llewellyn	1
Vic Perrins	2
John Jeffery	3
John Anthony	4
Jeff Watkins	5
Alan Skirving	9
Brian Mills	10
Bob Phillips	11
Paul Evans	12
Keith Jarrett	13

SWANSEA

Colours: All White

Michael Grange	1
Roy Thomas	2
Phil Llewellyn	3
Mike James	4
Clive Dyer	5
Mike Thomas	6
A. N. Other	7
Geoffrey Davies	8
Stuart Davies	9
Eric Patterson	10

THE SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT, 1969, for the "SNELLING" CHALLENGE CUP and the "BILL EVERSON" AWARD

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL
<p>Match 1 PONTYPOOL 6 (A) v. CROSS KEYS 8 (B) 12.0 noon (Ref. R. Lewis)</p> <p>Match 2 PONTYPRIDD 5 (A) v. CARDIFF 12 (B) 12.20 p.m. (Ref. D. M. Lloyd)</p> <p>Match 3 EBBW VALE 11 (A) v. GLAM. WANDERERS 5 (B) 12.40 p.m. (Ref. D. M. Davies)</p> <p>Match 4 SWANSEA 10 (A) v. PENARTH 11 (B) 1.0 p.m. (Ref. G. Walters)</p> <p>Match 5 ABERTILLERY 3 (A) v. LLANELLI 9 (B) 1.20 p.m. (Ref. W. D. H. Davies)</p> <p>Match 6 MAESTEG 11 (A) v. NEWPORT 8 (B) 1.40 p.m. (Ref. D. G. Watts)</p> <p>Match 7 ABERAVON 5 (A) v. NEATH 8 (B) 2.0 p.m. (Ref. E. M. Lewis)</p> <p>Match 8 NEWBRIDGE 6 (A) v. BRIDGEND 8 (B) 2.20 p.m. (Ref. W. K. M. Jones)</p>	<p>Match 9 Cross Keys 10 (A) (B)</p> <p>Match 10 Ebbw Vale 18 (A) (B)</p> <p>Match 11 Llanelli 13 (A) (B)</p> <p>Match 12 Neath 8 (A) (B)</p> <p>Match 13 Cardiff 21 (B) (A)</p> <p>Match 14 Maesteg 5 (B) (A)</p> <p>Match 15 Bridgend 11 (B) (A)</p>	<p>Match 13 Cardiff 24 (A) (B)</p> <p>Match 14 Ebbw Vale 6 (B) (A)</p> <p>Match 14 Llanelli 8 (A) (B)</p> <p>Match 15 Cardiff 17 (A) (B)</p>	<p>Match 15 Cardiff 17 (A) (B)</p>

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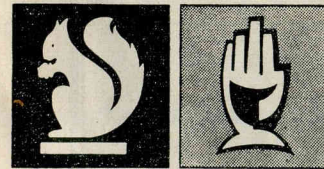
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1. The game shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Welsh Rugby Union.
2. The Tournament shall be played on the knock-out principle, the Clubs being drawn against one another by ballot.
3. The duration of each game, before the final game, 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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P. Dickenson (Referee)

In front: G. Griffin, I. Berry.

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