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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)
1977	John Churchill (Newport)

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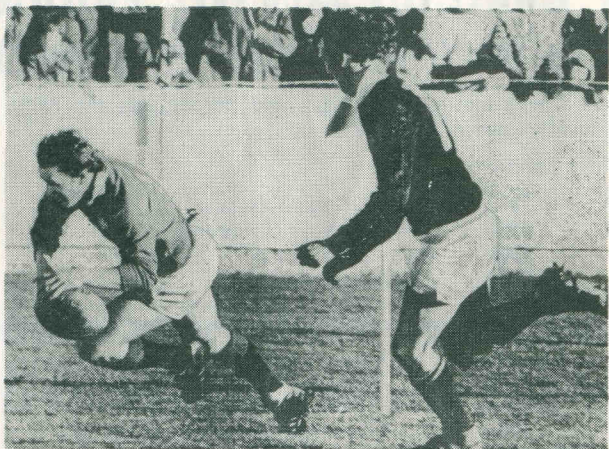
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1954	Newport beat Ebbw Vale 6-0 (Newport)
1955	Cardiff beat Newport 8-3 (Newport)
1956	Newport beat Penarth 5-3 (Swansea)
1957	Newport beat Abertillery 11-8 (Swansea)
1958	Ebbw Vale beat Newport 10-5 (Cardiff)
1959	Newport beat Pontypool 6-3 (Newport)
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)
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)
1977	Cardiff beat Newport 24-16 (Cardiff)

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## WELCOME TO THE RUGBY CABARET!

By J. B. G. THOMAS

[ Chief Rugby writer, Western Mail ]

It is all action . . . all go . . . welcome to the Snelling Sevens once again . . . the Cabaret of the rugby season and a special welcome to the two guest clubs, Moseley and the London Welsh, who are no strangers to the ground, and the Clubs in Wales are happy to have them here today to share in the festivities.

Moseley have been before for the Snelling Sevens but it is the first time for the London Welsh who have a long and proud record of performances in Sevens rugby but especially at Twickenham. They won the tournament twice before the War and five times since with a special run of three times in succession in 1971-73.

Last Saturday, the London Welsh did well at Twickenham again and were only beaten in the semi-final 12-10 by the Harlequins who were the eventual winners. They beat London Irish 32-0, then Blackheath 24-4 but lost one of their best forwards and Blackheath's try was the first against them in the tournament.

So beware, Welsh Clubs, as the Exiles are experts and if able to field their best seven will be extremely dangerous today, and must be regarded as one of the best three sides in the Tournament. Moseley have been one of the best 15-a-side clubs in England this season and if they field their top seven then they will not be beaten easily.

It is true that towards the end of the season, and it has been a hard and heavy season, then the leading players tend to be tired. Sevens rugby is exciting but demanding and for two clubs to reach the final, they have to reveal a great deal of stamina. Last season it was Cardiff and Newport in the final for the fifth time and Cardiff won 24-16 after Newport had achieved a 12-4 lead. Unfortunately, the weather was cold and only 13,000 attended but they enjoyed it and having won in 1976, Cardiff are all out to win three times in succession and equal Newport's record of 1961-63.

It will be interesting to see how good the sides are in action today and whether the clubs have answered the call to field the strongest possible sides. In view of the cash benefits and the generosity of the sponsors, the Snelling Sevens are worthy of support and unless clubs do field their best available sides they cannot expect the strongest support at the turnstiles.

The Snelling Committee of the big 16 works hard and a bumper session today will do the Tournament a power of good. One does not expect members of the Welsh party chosen for Australia to appear as it would be too great a risk now that all are fit and well. They meet tomorrow to have their final session and leave for Perth next Saturday.

Welsh rugby followers will join me in wishing the party every success on tour and a safe return. One sevens genius not travelling is the Llanelli and Wales captain, Phil Bennett, and it is hoped he will lead Llanelli today. A few sparkling runs from him would enliven the scene.

The Tournament was first launched in 1954 at Newport and celebrates its 25th anniversary today. A quarter of a century of non-stop running; of tries galore and many exciting finishes. Today's Tournament has something to celebrate and one enjoys the cheers and friendly boos as each team takes the field for the good humoured partisanship is very much a feature of the occasion.

Newport still lead with nine victories. Cardiff come next with six and will try to make it seven today but Newport want revenge for the last two seasons while the guests, Moseley and the London Welsh, are determined to upset the form.

A word, too, for the referees who have done a splendid job over the past 24 years and one of their number, panel member Cenydd Thomas, will be sharing in his last Tournament today before retiring. Good luck, Cenydd . . . on with the Sevens!



THE SNELLING SEVENS FINAL, 1977

# Cardiff 24 : Newport 16



● Newport's John Churchill scores his second of three tries in the final of the 1977 Snelling Sevens, as Chris Camilleri takes hold, but Cardiff were 24-16 winners. Churchill, who had never scored a first team try for his club, was awarded the coveted Bill Everson Award as outstanding player of the tournament. He scored 10 tries.



● Cardiff the Greatest — the team that won the 1977 Snelling Sevens. Standing (left to right): Alan Phillips, Stuart Lane, John Davies (captain), Bob Dudley-Jones. Kneeling: Chris Camilleri, Julian O'Brien, Trevor Worgan.

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# THE COURAGE SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT, 1978

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PRELIMINARY  
ROUND



1 ABERTILLERY 10 (A)  
v  
CROSS KEYS 12 (B)  
12 noon (Ref: K. Parfitt)

CROSS KEYS

2 NEWBRIDGE 12 (A)  
v  
MAESTEG 18 (B)  
12.20 p.m. (Ref: G. Jones)

MAESTEG

### FIRST ROUND

### SECOND ROUND

### SEMI-FINAL

### FINAL

Match

3 CARDIFF  
v  
SWANSEA

(A) 24  
(B) 11 CARDIFF (A) 34

12.40 p.m. (Ref: D. E. Williams)

4 EBBW VALE  
v  
GLAMORGAN WANDS.

(A) 20  
(B) 0 EBBW VALE (B) 6

1.00 p.m. (Ref: C. G. P. Thomas)

3.20 p.m. (Ref: D. O. Hughes)

5 NEATH  
v  
PONTYPOOL

(A) 12  
(B) 12 PONTYPOOL (A) 10  
14

1.20 p.m. (Ref: D. O. Hughes)

6 WINNER 1 CROSS KEYS  
v  
MOSELEY

(A) 4  
(B) 20 MOSELEY (B) 12

1.40 p.m. (Ref: C. Thomas)

3.40 p.m. (Ref: K. D. Bidder)

7 LLANELLI  
v  
PENARTH

(A) 28  
(B) 13 LLANELLI (A) 6  
0

2.00 p.m. (Ref: J. S. P. Evans)

8 BRIDGEND  
v  
ABERAVON

(A) 24  
(B) 4 BRIDGEND (B) 24

2.20 p.m. (Ref: K. D. Bidder)

4.00 p.m. (Ref: C. G. P. Thomas)

9 NEWPORT  
v  
PONTYPRIDD

(A) 22  
(B) 14 NEWPORT (A) 22  
0

2.40 p.m. (Ref: G. Jones)

10 WINNER 2 MAESTEG  
v  
LONDON WELSH

(A) 16  
(B) 18 LONDON WELSH (B) 18

3.00 p.m. (Ref: K. Parfitt)

4.20 p.m. (Ref: C. Thomas)

34

15  
6

10

4.50 p.m. (Ref: J. S. P. Evans)  
12

6

16  
24

22

5.20 p.m. (Ref: D. E. Williams)  
18

CARDIFF (A)

MOSELEY (B)

BRIDGEND (A)

NEWPORT (B)

22

10

24

10

(18) CARDIFF (A)

6.15 p.m. (Ref: D. O. Hughes)

BRIDGEND (B)

Interval Match (17)  
5.45 p.m.  
(Ref: K. D. Bidder)

16

BRIDGEND

32

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

Les Keen	14
Keri Coslett	13
Neil Hutchings	12
Clive Shell	9
Ray Jones	10
John Greenway	11
Billy James	2
Phil Clarke	3
Ritchie Davies	4
Brian Williams	5

### BRIDGEND

Colours: Blue and White Hoops

Gareth Williams	1
Geoff Davies	2
Lyn Davies	3
Gerald Williams	9
Ian Lewis	10
Viv Jenkins	11
Alan Rose	12
Ffrangcon Owen	
Keri Townley	
Steve Ellis	

### CROSS KEYS

Colours: Black and White

Ray Chicken	1
Clive Jayne	2
Martin Webb	3
Gareth Fynn	4
Lyn Jones	5
Glyn Bram	6
Jeff McCabe	7
Kerry Williams	8
Garry Davies	9
Philip Watkins	10

### GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

Colours: Camb. Blue, Black, White

Mike Thomas	1
Phil Adamson	2
John Griffiths	3
Robin Havard	4
Tony Simpson	5
Billy James	6
David Mullins	7
Marc Henry	8
Terry Usher	9
David Williams	10

### LONDON WELSH

Colours: Red

Clive Rees	15
David Rees	14
Chris Pratt	13
Neil Bennett	12
John Taylor (Captain)	11
Mike Jones	10
Kevin Bowring	9
Jim Shanklin	16
John Manfield	17

### ABERTILLERY

Colours: Green and White

Mark Lloyd	14
Steve Hardacre	13
Adrian Rees	12
David Rees	11
Gareth Williams	10
Allan Austin	9
Dawson Jones	1
Mike Cairns (Captain)	2
Robert Norster	3
Alan Higgins	4

### CARDIFF

Colours Cambridge Blue and Black

Robert Dudley-Jones	
Alan Phillips	
Terry Charles	
John Davies	
Julian O'Brien	
Paul Elliot	
Chris Camilleri	
Derek Church	
Huw Davies	
Derek Preece	

### EBBW VALE

Colours: Red, Green and White

Michel Van-Der-Loos	1
Jonathan Williams	2
Clive Burgess	3
Phil Gardner	4
David Fryer	5
Steve Lewis	6
Chris Edwards	7
Neil Collins	8
Nigel Osborne	9
Alan Rainbow	10

### LLANELLI

Colours: Scarlet and White

Andy Hill	14
David Nicholas	11
Bernard Thomas	10
Vernon Richards	9
Paul Prenderville	7
Alun Davies	4
John Lugg	2
Steve Thomas	6
Clive Griffiths	15
Julian Bracey	12

## Teams and Players in today's matches

### MAESTEG

Colours: Black and Amber

Colin Donovan	11
Phillip Martell	14
Phillip Phillips	13
Gwyn Evans	10
Leighton O'Connor	9
Gareth Edwards	2
John Thomas	8
Rhodri Lewis	6
Robert Barlow	12
Ian Hall	15

### NEATH

Colours: Black, White Maltese Cross

Eigan Rees	14
Don Davies	13
David Cole	10
Ness Flowers	9
Wilson Lauder	6
Mike Richards	2
Robert Hughes	4
Mike Jenkins	12
Bleddyn Taylor	10
Bruce Bradley	3

### NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

David Burcher	1
Chris Webber	2
John Churchill	3
Neil Brown	4
Keith Jefferson	5
David Waters	6
Jeff Watkins	7
Steve Jones	8
Geoff Evans	9
Bryan Lease	10

### PONTYPOOL

Colours: Red, White, Black Hoops

Eddie Butler	1
Steve Donoghue	2
Steve Williams	3
Andy Gray	4
Paul Crabtree	5
Peter Lewis (Captain)	6
Goff Davies	7
Gareth Davies	8
Alan Morgan	9
John Perkins	10

### MOSELEY

Colours: Red and Black

Fisken Murray	13
Clive Meanwell	12
Alan Thomas	11
Malcolm Swain	10
Richard Harding	9
Mike Jeavons	1
Gavin Cox	2
Dave Warren	3
Derek Nutt	4
Bob Laird	5

### NEWBRIDGE

Colours: Blue and Black

Tony Browning	15
Paul Edwards	14
Dick Perrott	13
Steve Diamond	12
Justin Robinson	10
Lloyd Davies	9
Phil Jones	5
Parry James	6
Malcolm Lewis	7
Dennis Hughes	8

### PENARTH

Colours: Blue and White Hoops

Terry Ellis	1
Andy McIntyre	2
Mike Edwards	3
Steve Evans	4
Phil Helmore	5
Gary Davies	6
Mike Gooding	7
Mike Barnett	8
Phil Davies	9
Bob Hughes	10

### PONTYPRIDD

Colours: Black and White Hoops

David Shellard	1
Mike Alexander	2
Chris Seldon	3
Bob Dyer	4
Jeff Hazzard	5
Adrian Barwood	6
Karl Swain	7
Alun Thomas	8
John Poole	9
Don Jones	10

### SWANSEA

Colours: White

Alan Meredith	1
Huw Davies	2
Alun Donovan	4
Gareth Jenkins	5
Jeff Herdman	6
Gareth Roberts	7
Richard Moriarty	8
Brian Morgan	9
Phil Jones	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 scrumage 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.

**The support given by  
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appreciated**

### Teams and Players in the interval match

5.45 p.m.

(Referee: K. D. Bidder)

#### ABERAVON JUNIORS

Colours: Red and Black

Graham Griffiths	...	...	1
Ian Andrews	...	...	2
Christopher Davies	...	...	3
Ian Margetson	...	...	4
Nigel Stephens	...	...	5
Adrian Morgan	...	...	6
David Hanford	...	...	7
Darren Breeze	...	...	8
Derek Campbell	...	...	9
Andrew Lloyd	...	...	10

#### NEATH JUNIORS

Colours: Black

Simon Allan	...	...
Andrew Gilbert	...	...
Jonathan Roberts	...	...
Stephen Meredith	...	...
John Jenkins	...	...
Christopher Williams	...	...
Andrew Hutchins	...	...
Neil Thomson	...	...
Andrew Carpenter	...	...
Patrick Jefford	...	...

## Remember when Hullin and Tony Williams won that Greatest Final?

By JOHN BILLOT

[ Western Mail ]

They called it the Greatest Sevens Final. Cast your minds back 12 years. It was sizzling hot; some 30,000 spectators in shirt sleeves and summer frocks basked in the tropical atmosphere. Cardiff slammed Bridgend 13-0 in the semi-final; Newport pipped Newbridge by a conversion kick margin at 10-8. Cardiff were red hot favourites to win. After all, Newport were without those brilliant sevens specialists David Watkins, Stuart Watkins and big Brian Price, all waiting to fly from London with the 1966 Lions, bound for Australia and New Zealand.

Newport, captained by wing forward Alan Thomas, had Brian Perrins hooking, John Jeffery as line-out deputy for Price; Colin Williams and Bob Phillips at half-back, and Gordon Britton and John Anthony outside them. Cardiff's Lyn Baxter, Billy Thomas and Tony Pender were expected to win enough ball for skipper Billy Hullin to set sevens "general" Tony Williams, Maurice Richards and John Huw Williams whipping away with the winning scores.

This Cardiff outfit were 15-5 in front, playing it cool in the scorching heat as stylish Maurice Richards converted his own try and those by Billy Hullin and John Huw Williams. But what's this? Newport are level. John Anthony converts tries by Bob Phillips and Gordon Britton. The roars must have been heard for miles. And when Phillips raced in for a try that Anthony goaled and Newport were 20-15 ahead the Black-and-Ambers' fans danced with joy about the stands.

Cardiff were not so cool now — distinctly hot under the jersey, for sure. But Tony Williams snapped out the commands, pulled them together and there was Richards accelerating through from a tapped penalty. He converted and it was extra time. What a battle. Newport's put-in — and that crafty striker Billy Thomas stole the ball off them. Hullin bounded away on the blind side. Defenders hunted for him desperately; and there was Tony Williams, upright as ever, slipping into position with that poise and expectancy which signified just one outcome — 23-20 victory for Cardiff as he zipped smoothly over the goal-line.

Today, Hullin is back at the Arms Park — helping organise the London Welsh VII in their first appearance in the famous Snelling Sevens, and the Exiles are sure to prove tough opponents. Skipper John Taylor is with them, hoping to play and mark the end to his colourful career. His magnificent contributions to his club, Wales and the British Lions will never be forgotten with, of course, that one moment to be recalled above all others when he converted Gerald Davies' Murrayfield try in 1971 to give Wales a 19-18 win with two minutes to spare.

Hullin is pleased that his team and Cardiff are in different halves of the draw — in the hope they will clash in the final. And who knows? It could be another cliff-hanger as it was in 1966. Extra time would be a bonus. But most people would settle for another sun-drenched occasion!



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