

YOUNGER'S TARTAN
SNELLING SEVENS
TOURNAMENT



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BILL EVERSON AWARD (Man-of-the-tournament)

The adjudicators for the above award will comprise a panel of the following:
R. T. Carter, Chairman and 4 other judges one from each club: Aberavon
Abertillery, Bridgend and Cardiff.

RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT

1. The sixteen competing teams will be divided into four pools of four with each team playing a game against the other three teams in the pool.
2. Each game in the pools will consist of two halves each of five minutes duration with one minute interval.
3. Each team will be represented by 10 players whose names will be given to the Organising Committee prior to the start of the tournament. From these names seven must be nominated to play throughout the tournament except for injury (see rule 10).
4. A scrummage will be formed by not less than three players on each side.
5. The winning team will be awarded two match points. In a drawn game one match point will be awarded to each team.
6. In the event of two teams in the same pool having the same number of match points after playing three games, the winner will be the team which has:
 - a) scored the greatest number of tries, or if these are equal
 - b) scored the greatest number of points, or if these are equal
 - c) conceded the least number of points
7. The four winners of the pools will contest the semi-finals which will be of seven minutes duration each half.
8. The final game will be of ten minutes duration each half.
9. In the semi-finals and final, if the scores are equal at the end of the second half, the winner will be the first team to score in extra time.
10. If an injured player is declared unfit by the tournament doctor, he may be replaced immediately during the game. No player who has been replaced may take any further part in the tournament.
11. The decision of the referee on all questions relative to play will be final.
12. In the event of any contingency arising which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the Organising Committee will be final.



● Anthony Morgan races away for a Llanelli try against Ebbw Vale in the final, which Llanelli won 26-16.



● Gary Lawrence the Ebbw Vale scrum half, sets up an attack against Llanelli in the final.

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It should prove exciting today

By J.B.G. THOMAS

Today's annual tournament has been brought forward to fit in with the W.R.U.'s Centenary Celebrations and as no tournament was staged last season, it is good to welcome it back to the Cardiff Arms Park National Ground. The last tournament was staged in May 1979 and won by Llanelli with Peter Morgan in brilliant form, to be honoured as the man of the match.

Ebbw Vale, who defeated the hot favourites, Bridgend, in the semi-final 22-0, allowed Llanelli too big a start in the final and although they fought back in the second half, could not catch the scarlet runners. The system of four pools was employed in 1979 with the top team in each pool moving into the semi-final, and this was welcomed by the players who found half their numbers losing interest after the first round when eight clubs would disappear and not even win places in the National Sevens.

There was criticism of the standard of play, as some teams below strength were allowed to survive for a longer period and one expects better play as the sides appear a great deal stronger on paper. Several internationals are playing and a host of promising fleet-footed young players who are challenging for places in the national squad.

If the selectors are present and one expects them to be represented, then today will provide an opportunity for the players to impress, at least their fitness and handling ability plus sense of positioning will be on trial.

Sevens is a highly-specialised style of play with elusiveness and quick thinking as valuable assets. The pool system enables the clubs to assess the opposition better and when the semi-finals arrive, the competition is keen. As always the final, with ten minutes each way, is an exciting occasion.

The Snelling trophy is held by Llanelli and they hope to retain it, and with Peter Morgan leading them again, they must be favourites. Paul Ringer is in their team list and David Nicholas, who hopes to return to the first XV this season after a long lay-off through injury.

Bridgend field a strong team and they must be second favourites with J. P. Williams, Gareth Williams, Gary Pearce, Vivian Jenkins, Gerald Williams and company, who are all experienced sevens players.

Pontypridd and Pontypool field good sides with internationals in their ranks while Swansea have a splendid Seven and, as National Sevens Cup holders and Western Mail Champions, they must be considered as the "dark horses" to carry off today's trophy.

The tournament today is the 27th and Newport still lead as winners on nine occasions which is a splendid record although they have not won it since 1967. Their best in recent years is the making of the final in 1976 and 1977. Swansea have yet to win the tournament and so a first time today would prove a popular win.

As this tournament virtually launches the Centenary season, it is an excellent dress rehearsal for the fifteen aside game which starts on Monday. It will be a long run for leading Welsh players but a Welsh season is always a hard session for club players. Today they will be fresh and eager to impress and this is a good sign, suggesting a sharp edge to the rugby.

Tournament secretary Brian Mark and his committee are hoping for good weather, good rugby and a large attendance. They deserve it!



• Peter Morgan, the Llanelli captain and outside half, who won the Bill Everson award as player of the tournament in 1979.

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The Organising Committee would like to thank
J.B.G. Thomas and John Billot of the Western Mail
for their contribution to this programme

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WELSH NATIONAL GROUND

Match Time	POOL A	POOL B	Match Time	POOL C	POOL D
1 11.00	BRIDGEND v CROSS KEYS (M. Crouch)	CARDIFF v MAESTEG (J. Groves)	3 11.30	LLANELLI v ABERAVON (A. Richards)	NEWPORT v GLAM. WANDS. (K. Rowlands)
2 11.15	ABERTILLERY v NEATH (Corris Thomas)	PONTYPOOL v SWANSEA (R. James)	4 11.45	PONTYPRIDD v EBBW VALE (R.O.P. Jones)	PENARTH v NEWBRIDGE (W. Jones)
5 12.00	BRIDGEND v ABERTILLERY (B.W. Davies)	CARDIFF v PONTYPOOL (K. Parfitt)	7 12.30	LLANELLI v PONTYPRIDD (C. Norling)	NEWPORT v PENARTH (W.O. Davies)
6 12.15	CROSS KEYS v NEATH (K. Rowlands)	MAESTEG v SWANSEA (A. Richards)	8 12.45	ABERAVON v EBBW VALE (J. Groves)	GLAM. WANDS. v NEWBRIDGE (M. Crouch)
9 1.00	BRIDGEND v NEATH (R.O.P. Jones)	CARDIFF v SWANSEA (W. Jones)	11 1.30	LLANELLI v EBBW VALE (R. James)	NEWPORT v NEWBRIDGE (Corris Thomas)
10 1.15	CROSS KEYS v ABERTILLERY (K. Parfitt)	MAESTEG v PONTYPOOL (B.W. Davies)	12 1.45	ABERAVON v PONTYPRIDD (C. Norling)	GLAM. WANDS. v PENARTH (W.O. Davies)
13 2.00	ABERTILLERY v NEATH (Corris Thomas)	BRIDGEND v MAESTEG (J. Groves)	15 2.30	PONTYPRIDD v EBBW VALE (R.O.P. Jones)	NEWPORT v GLAM. WANDS. (K. Rowlands)
14 2.15	BRIDGEND v ABERTILLERY (B.W. Davies)	CARDIFF v SWANSEA (W. Jones)	16 2.45	LLANELLI v PONTYPRIDD (C. Norling)	PENARTH v NEWBRIDGE (W. Jones)
17 3.00	CROSS KEYS v NEATH (K. Rowlands)	MAESTEG v SWANSEA (A. Richards)	19 3.30	ABERAVON v PONTYPRIDD (C. Norling)	NEWPORT v NEWBRIDGE (Corris Thomas)
18 3.15	BRIDGEND v NEATH (R.O.P. Jones)	CARDIFF v SWANSEA (W. Jones)	20 3.45	LLANELLI v EBBW VALE (R. James)	GLAM. WANDS. v PENARTH (W.O. Davies)
21 4.00	CROSS KEYS v ABERTILLERY (K. Parfitt)	MAESTEG v PONTYPOOL (B.W. Davies)	23 4.30	ABERAVON v PONTYPRIDD (C. Norling)	GLAM. WANDS. v PENARTH (W.O. Davies)
22 4.15	BRIDGEND v NEATH (R.O.P. Jones)	CARDIFF v SWANSEA (W. Jones)	24 4.45	LLANELLI v EBBW VALE (R. James)	NEWPORT v NEWBRIDGE (Corris Thomas)
25 5.20	Winner of Pool A v Winner of Pool B (R. James)	Winner of Pool C v Winner of Pool D (K. Parfitt)			
26 5.40	Schools Under 11 Finals — Pontypridd v Bridgend (B.W. Davies)				
27 6.00	FINAL (C. Norling)				

The Trophies will be presented immediately after the Final

Teams and Players in today's matches

ABERAVON

Colours: Red and Black

David Jacob	1
Billy James	2
Adrian Owen	5
Mike Edwards	6
Richie Davies	7
Raymond Giles	9
Bernard Thomas	10
Paul Bamsey	11
Martyn Thomas	14
Wynford Lewis	15

BRIDGEND

Colours: Blue and White

Gareth Williams	1
Geoff Davies	2
J.P.R. Williams	3
Lyn Davies	4
Steve Ellis	5
Gerald Williams	9
Gary Pearce	10
Viv Jenkins	11
Clive Barber	12
Ffrancombe Owen	13

CROSS KEYS

Colours: Black and White

David Larnar	2
Derek Church	7
Kerry Williams	8
Nick Rose	9
Alan Watkins	10
Jim Walker	11
Paul Danial	12
Lyn Jones	13
Bob Johnson	14
Glyn Bram	15

GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

Colours: Blue, Black and White

John Griffiths	1
Phil Adamson	2
Gary Neil	3
Chris O'Callaghan	4
Colin Theaker	9
David Mullins	10
Ken Poole	11
Marc Henry	12
Paul Edwards	13
Brian Paterson	14

ABERTILLERY

Colours: Green and White

Mike Cairns	2
Andy Stimpson	5
Paul Clark	6
Malcolm Lewis	7
Willy Grail	8
Nigel Paul	9
Gary Cooper	10
Ian Greenow	11
Mike Shottle	12
Paul Adams	14

CARDIFF

Colours: Cambridge Blue and Black

Bob Newman	1
Mike Watkins	2
Bob Lakin	6
John Scott	8
Gwynfor Williams	9
Mike Murphy	10
Paul Elliot	11
Derek Preece	12
David Barry	13
Philip Forde	14

EBBW VALE

Colours: Red, Green and White

Robert Holmes	2
David Fryer	4
Graham Evans	7
Carl Dennehy	8
Steven Lewis	9
Wayne Bow	11
Ian Goslin	12
Gary Lawrence	13
Des Parry	14
Paul Rees	15

LLANELLI

Colours: Scarlet and White

David Evans	2
Paul Ringer	6
David Pickering	7
Alun Davies	8
Martin Gravelle	9
Mark Douglas	10
David Nicholas	11
Peter Morgan	12
Jeff Griffiths	14
Peter Hopkins	15

Teams and Players in today's matches

MAESTEG

Colours: Black and Amber

Islwyn Thomas	2
David Arthur	4
John Thomas	6
Rhodri Lewis	8
Andrew Shufflebothom	9
Phillip Jones	10
Phillip Morteil	11
Peter Jones	12
Ian Hopkins	13
Colin Donovan	14

NEWBRIDGE

Colours: Blue and Black

Steven Shipp	1
Parry James	2
Clive Davies	3
Paul Turner	4
Lloyd Davies	5
Martin Hughes	6
Tony Browning	7
David Owen	8
Chris Phillip	9
Peter Jones	10

PENARTH

Colours: Royal Blue

Dave Lubin	1
Mike Gooding	2
Ernie Williams	4
Stuart MacCormac	7
Haydn George	8
Mike Goldsworthy	9
Tony Morgan	10
Brendan McAloon	11
Phil Helmore	12
Steven Giles	13
Huw Powell	14

PONTYPRIDD

Colours: Black and White

Tommy David	6
Don Jones	7
Sean O'Sullivan	8
Bob Dyer	9
Stuart Lewis	10
Colin Riley	11
Alan Rose	12
Wayne Peckham	13
Karl Swain	14
Alun Thomas	15

NEATH

Colours: Black, White Maltese Cross

Mike Richards	1
Carwyn Jones	2
Gareth Jones	3
Peter Jones	4
Robert Hughes	5
Carl Gnojek	9
Bleddyn Taylor	10
Clive Haste	11
Graham Davies	12
Jonathan Griffiths	13

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

David Waters	4
Steve O'Donoghue	5
Geoff Evans	6
Roger Powell	7
Tony Aubin	8
Clive Rogers	9
Stewart Barnes	10
Robert Ackerman	11
Gareth Evans	12
John Churchill	13

PONTYPOOL

Colours: Red, White and Black

Eddie Butler	1
Steve Jones	2
Chris Huish	3
Nigel Wilks	4
Bobby Windsor	5
Nigel Osbourne	9
Paul Crabtree	10
Peter Lewis	11
Steve Evans	12
Jeff Davies	13

SWANSEA

Colours: White

Jeff Herdman	1
Gareth Jenkins	2
Trevor Cheeseman	3
Roy Lewis	4
Brynmor Williams	5
Jeff Davies	6
Tony Swift	7
Alan Meredith	8
Malcolm Dacey	9
Neil Edwards	10

The organising committee wish to acknowledge the co-operation and assistance of the Welsh Rugby Union and the Cardiff Athletic Club

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Teams and Players in the interval match

6.00 p.m.

BRIDGEND JUNIORS

David Williams
Stuart Anderson
Christopher Griffin
Gary Sheridan

Glen Eastment
Paul Watkins
Gareth Thomas
Brendan Roach

Michael Spruce
Vaughan Bate

PONTYPRIDD JUNIORS

Sion Bebb
Ian Thomas
Adrian Davies
Steven Pritchard

Steven Coles
Dean Lynch
Kevin Fox
Roger Howells

Christopher Jones
Gavin Davies

Speed carried lucky Scarlets to that first title

By JOHN BILLOT (Western Mail)

Twenty years ago Llanelli won the Snelling Sevens for the first time — and that after their forwards had been beaten in every tie. In fact, we had an unlikely pair in the final because the Scarlets were hardly expected to go right through with so little ball while no-one anticipated Penarth stopping Newport in the semi-final.

The sensation of the tournament was Penarth's brilliant victory over the Rodney Parade club's dynamic VII. It was only the third time in seven years that the Black-and-Ambers had faltered in the Snellings and the margin was staggering — 20 points to five. The hand of Bernard "Slogger" Templeman was easy to detect in Penarth's run of success that saw them finish the tourney with most points, 49 compared with Llanelli's 44.

Ken Roberts was yet another Penarth star, a wing forward with advanced ideas of how rugby should be played. He was at least 10 years before his time; a ball user who could play in the centre with subtlety and abundance of flair. He was not a bustling, put-'em-down type of breakaway, but a player of enormous resources who had an awareness about his play that is the vital trigger of creativity. Perhaps there was too much refinement about his methods to recognise what he was capable of achieving.

Penarth, of course, applied deep thought to Sevens: they prepared for it thoroughly and technically. And to outplay those other exceptional thinkers of the mini-game, Newport, at their own tricks was a feat that deserves recall. Penarth toppled Pontypridd and Cardiff before that epic victory over the trophy-holders. But the Scarlets were too fast for Slogger's men in the final.

Speed was the key factor for Llanelli. They had a renowned sprinter in Wynne Oliver, not a reputed rugby player, on the wing, and the two schoolboy stars and sprinters, Brian Davies and Ken Jones, both destined to play for Wales, behind that noted box of tricks, Onllwyn Brace.

It was Brace's dropped goal in extra time that beat Abertillery 8-5 in the second round, when the valley team, with the best forward unit of the tourney in Alan Pask, David Pask and Haydn Morgan, looked set to sweep through and take the title.

Few will argue that the Stradey team had all the luck as well as all the speed in the 1960 event. They defeated Aberavon in the semi-final stage with the last move of the match — an interception when all it needed was for the Wizards to kick to touch to win.

But Penarth could not live with the sizzling pace of the young Scarlets in the final and were well beaten, though the margin reflects no discredit on the Seasideers at battling wholeheartedly before going down 14-10. Llanelli could always overtake the breakaway runner and this first triumph by the Scarlets brought from them the admission, "We were lucky — and quick."

Llanelli had to wait 11 years for their next Snelling title but then there was no need for good fortune, apart from the helpful fact that they were the only strong team in their half of the draw. Anyway,, they stormed to a double record — an aggregate of 80 points in four games and the highest total in the final, 31-10 to crush Newport.

John Thomas, a superb sevens-wise scrum half with his deceptive switching, won the Bill Everson Award as man of the tourney and with Phil Bennett, Roy Bergiers and Andy Hill outside him, there was never any doubt that the Scarlets would be champs — particularly with ball winners this time in such fine forwards as Hefin Jenkins, specialist hooker Arwyn Reynolds and the "fugitive" from the backs, Roy Mathias.

Are the Scarlets interested in making a mark in the Snellings once more? We shall watch with keen anticipation today.

The winners of the 1979 Tournament



● Llanelli — the 1979 Snelling Sevens winners with their coach John Maclean. The successful Llanelli VIII was: Richard Griffiths, Martin Gravelle, Peter Morgan (capt.), Anthony Morgan, Alun Davies, Howard Thomas and Dennis Davey. Replacement in the final was Selwyn Williams for Gravelle.

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Bill Everson Award Winners (For the Man-of-the-Tournament)

This award was instituted in 1967, and perpetuates the name of a very popular and widely known Newport secretary.

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)
1977	John Churchill (Newport)
1978	Gareth Williams (Bridgend)
1979	Peter Morgan (Llanelli)

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)
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)
1978	Bridgend beat Cardiff 38-16 (Cardiff)
1979	Llanelli beat Ebbw Vale 26-16 (Cardiff)

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