

SNELLING SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

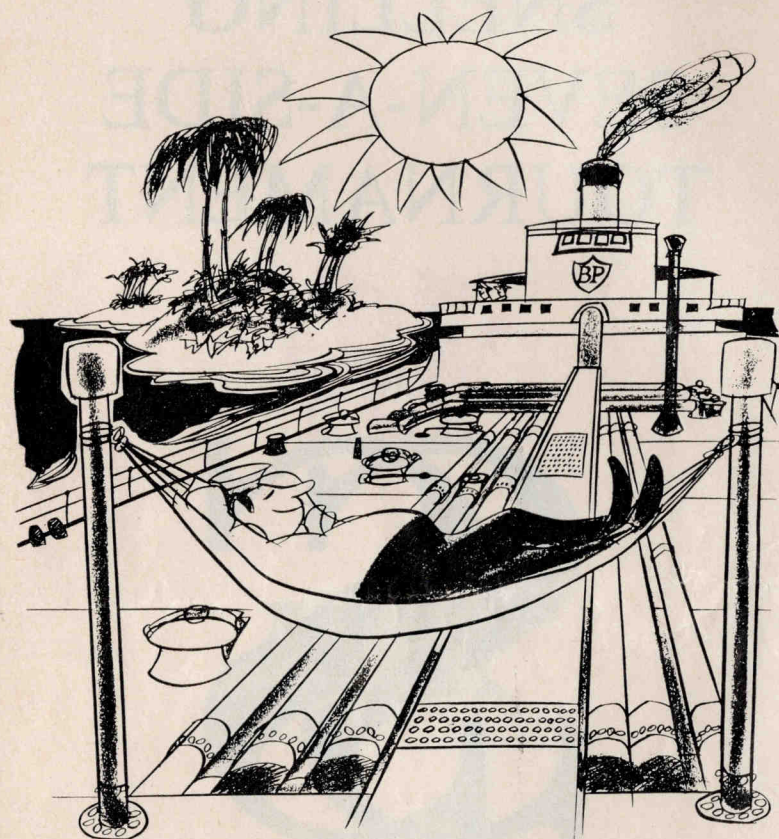


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The winners so far have been:—

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)

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)

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Welcome to the Guests

By J. B. G. THOMAS

(Chief Rugby Writer, Western Mail)



The Snelling Sevens Committee stage their 23rd Tournament today at the Cardiff Arms Park and it has a new look. Three guest sides will participate and there are cash incentives for clubs to do well. What more could one ask for, even if the F.A. Cup Final, is being played today?

Once again BP in Wales are giving financial assistance to the Tournament and there will be additional new presentations made to several more participants. The Snelling Sevens, because of a change of date and a falling away in enthusiasm of some clubs, has experienced a lean time in recent years and so, today, it fights back.

The Committee has held several meetings this season and laid its plans before the clubs and the Welsh public, and these plans are deserving of every support. When played well, Sevens rugby is a magnificent spectacle and, in the early years of the competition, Newport, Cardiff, Penarth and Ebbw Vale set high standards.

Newport maintained this into the late 1960's and have yet to recapture the skills and dash of their nine victories in the first 14 Tournaments, although the Club's impressive rise in the "Western Mail" Championship this season suggests that Newport are on their way back to big things. In the last seven Tournaments, Llanelli, Bridgend and Cardiff have each won it twice and there are still 10 Welsh clubs to have their names inscribed on the honours list.

The three guest clubs are interesting and deserving of a hearty welcome, and the new side to watch is Gala from the Scottish Borders where the game was devised and launched in the last century by a butcher in Hawick. It all began in the Borders in 1883, and was first introduced to Twickenham in 1926, and then to Wales at Newport in 1954.

Between 1885 and 1956 Gala won 10 Sevens Tournaments and were runners-up in 13, and in the last 20 years have played an important part in Border Sevens, staging its own annual tournament, and playing in many others. This season, the Gala Club celebrated its Centenary with a special Sevens Tournament and it was a splendid day with the Barbarians, Orrell, the Harlequins and Cardiff among the guest sides.

Moseley are a popular English side, always ready to play attractive rugby, and were in the Snelling Tournament last season, inspired by outside half Mike Cooper, and got to the semi-final where they were beaten by Cardiff. There will be a warm welcome for them today, as there will be for newcomers Bath, who do not make many appearances at the Cardiff Arms Park. They have answered the call to join the Snelling Tournament because Neath are not able to participate, as they are setting off on a Caribbean Calypso.

Good luck to Neath, and good luck to Mervyn Davies. All Snelling clubs send good wishes to the Welsh captain who is making good progress, and now back on his native heath in hospital at Gorseinon, and following the game closely.

The first round today is full of interest and the holders, Bridgend, meet Aberavon while Swansea and Cardiff clash, and Llanelli meet Cross Keys. Last season, Cardiff were the runners-up but were well beaten by Bridgend (32-12) in the final.

There are two preliminary round matches between Bath and Pontypridd (the new 15 a side champions), and Newbridge and Maesteg. One hopes to see two new clubs in the final and perhaps new winners of the magnificent trophy, but one must expect the clubs who enjoy Sevens more than most to make a bold bid again this year. If Gala can bring a strong Seven then they must be in with a chance!

John James

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Teams and Players in Preliminary Rounds

BATH

Colours: Blue, White and Black

Bob Wyatt	...	...	1
Mark Sutton	...	...	2
John Palmer	...	...	3
Michael Beese	...	...	4
John Horton	...	...	5
John Davies	...	...	6
David Gay	...	...	7
Alan Parfitt	...	...	8
Robbie Lye	...	...	9
Chris Perry	...	...	10

MAESTEG

Colours: Black and Amber

William Pole (Captain)	...	...	1
Islwyn Thomas	...	...	2
John Morgan	...	...	3
Brian Morris	...	...	4
Alan Thomas	...	...	9
Phillip Phillips	...	...	10
Robert Stephens	...	...	11
Colin Simms	...	...	12
Robert Watts	...	...	13
Phillip Griffiths	...	...	14

NEWBRIDGE


Colours: Blue and Black

Paul Edwards	...	...	1
David George	...	...	2
Richard Perrott	...	...	3
Tony Browning	...	...	4
Howard Evans	...	...	5
Mark Walbyoff	...	...	6
Clive Davis	...	...	7
Phil Jones	...	...	8
Roger Hill	...	...	9
Bob Holmes	...	...	10

PONTYPRIDD

Colours: Black and White hoops

Chris Selden	...	...	1
Steve Moule	...	...	2
Tommy David	...	...	3
Gary Samuel	...	...	4
Stuart Lewis	...	...	5
Jeff Hazzard	6
Adrian Barwood	7
Karl Swain	8
Brian Juliff	9
Arwyn Harris	10

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Preliminary Rounds

Preliminary Match 1

BATH (A)

v

PONTYPRIDD (B)

11.20 a.m. (Ref: K. D. Bidder)

(Winners
play
in
First
Round)

Preliminary Match 2

NEWBRIDGE (A)

v

MAESTEG (B)

11.40 p.m. (Ref: D.E. Parry-Jones)

(Winners
play
in
First
Round)

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FIRST ROUND		SECOND ROUND		SEMI-FINAL		FINAL		
Match								
1	EBBW VALE v GLAM. WANDS.	(A) (B)	9	KIDDERVALE (A) (A)	13	CROSS KEYS (A) (A)	16 (A)
12 noon	(Ref: A. W. Bevan)							
2	LLANELLI v CROSS KEYS	(A) (B)	2.40 p.m.	(Ref: D. E. Parry-Jones)	13	CROSS KEYS (A) (A)	16	..... (A)
12.20 p.m.	(Ref: C. Norling)							
3	ABERTILLERY v NEWPORT	(A) (B)	10	NEWPORT (A) (A)	13	CROSS KEYS (A) (A)	16	..... (A)
12.40 p.m.	(Ref: J. C. Kelleher)							
4	BATH/PONTYPRIDD v MOSELEY	(A) (B)	3.00 p.m.	(Ref: C. Norling)	13	CROSS KEYS (A) (A)	16	..... (A)
1.00 p.m.	(Ref: J. S. P. Evans)							
5	SWANSEA v CARDIFF	(A) (B)	11	CARDIFF (A) (A)	13	CROSS KEYS (A) (A)	16	..... (A)
1.20 p.m.	(Ref: D.E. Parry-Jones)							
6	PONTYPOOL v PENARTH	(A) (B)	3.20 p.m.	(Ref: A. W. Bevan)	13	CROSS KEYS (A) (A)	16	..... (A)
1.40 p.m.	(Ref: C. Thomas)							
7	BRIDGEND v ABERAVON	(A) (B)	12	BRIDGEND (A) (A)	13	CROSS KEYS (A) (A)	16	..... (A)
2.00 p.m.	(Ref: M. S. Lewis)							
8	N'BRIDGE/MAESTEG v GALA	(A) (B)	3.40 p.m.	(Ref: J. C. Kelleher)	13	CROSS KEYS (A) (A)	16	..... (A)
2.20 p.m.	(Ref: K. D. Bidder)							

Interval Match (15)
5.00 p.m.
(Ref: K. D. Bidder)

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 Keene	...	...	14
Ken James	...	...	11
Alan Rees	...	...	12
John Bevan	...	...	10
Clive Shell	...	...	9
Richie Davies	...	...	1
Billy James	...	...	2
Ogwen Alexander	...	...	3
Alan Martin	...	...	4
John Richardson	...	...	5

ABERTILLERY

Colours: Green and White

Mike Cairns	...	...	2
Dawson Jones	...	...	3
Ian Brown	...	...	8
Paul Clarke	...	...	7
Chris Davies	...	...	9
Keith Weeks	...	...	10
Robert Harris (Captain)	...	...	11
Allan Austin	...	...	12
Allan Thomas	...	...	13
David Rees	...	...	14

BRIDGEND

Colours: Blue and White

Vivian Jenkins	...	...	11
Ffiangcon Owen	...	...	14
Philip Martell	...	...	13
Ian Lewis	...	...	10
Meredydd James	...	...	1
Geoff Davies	...	...	2
Gerald Williams	...	...	9
Gareth Williams	...	...	3
Gareth Jones	...	...	6
David Llewellyn	...	...	7

CARDIFF

Colours: Cambridge Blue and Black

Bob Dudley Jones	...	...	1
Mark McJennett	...	...	2
Michael Watkins	...	...	3
Trevor Worgan	...	...	4
Brynmor Williams	...	...	5
Gareth Davies	...	...	6
John Davies	...	...	7
Gerald Davies (Captain)	...	...	8
Peter Bolland	...	...	9
Chris Camilleri	...	...	10

CROSS KEYS

Colours: Black and White

Mike Pimble	...	...	1
David Thomas	...	...	2
Alan Davies	...	...	3
Gareth Fynn	...	...	4
Glyn Bram	...	...	5
Tony Haines	...	...	6
Jeff McCabe	...	...	7
Derek Church	...	...	8
Bill James (Captain)	...	...	9
Garry Davies	...	...	10

EBBW VALE

Colours: Red, Green and White hoops

Michael van der Loos	...	...	1
Gerwyn Williams	...	...	2
Peter Evans	...	...	3
Graham Evans	...	...	4
Steve Lewis	...	...	5
Russell Coles	...	...	6
Neil Collins	...	...	7
Ian Evans	...	...	8
Andy Grey	...	...	9
Gary Lawrence	...	...	10

GALA

Colours: Maroon and White

V. Vchlebowski	...	...	1
D. Stewart	...	...	2
E. G. Henderson	...	...	3
A. R. Brown	...	...	4
G. Dickson	...	...	5
J. G. Brown	...	...	6
J. Berthinussen	...	...	7
C. Gass	...	...	8
A. Baillie	...	...	9
A. Tod	...	...	10
P. Ramage	...	...	11

GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

Colours: Camb. Blue, Black, White

Paddy Keepings	...	...	1
Phil Adamson	...	...	2
John Griffiths	...	...	3
John Prytherch	...	...	4
Julian O'Brien	...	...	5
Mark Henry	...	...	6
Leighton May	...	...	7
Terry Usher	...	...	8
Patrick Daniels	...	...	9
David Williams	...	...	10

Teams and Players in Today's Matches

LLANELLI

Colours: Scarlet

Keith Williams	...	...	6
Howard Thomas	...	...	7
Kevin Jenkins	...	...	8
Selwyn Williams	...	...	9
Phil Bennett	...	...	10
Roy Bergiers	...	...	13
Ray Gravell	...	...	12
J. J. Williams	...	...	14
Clive Griffiths	...	...	15
A. Davies	...	...	5

MOSELEY

Colours: Black and Red

Alan Thomas	...	...	12
Andrew Watson-Jones	...	...	11
Malcolm Swain	...	...	10
Malcolm Evans	...	...	9
Nick Jeavons	...	...	8
Graham Angel	...	...	7
Steve King	...	...	6
Alan Hill	...	...	13
Tony Brindley	...	...	14
Jan Webster	...	...	15

NEWPORT

Colours: Black and Amber

Geof Evans	...	...	1
Bryan Lease	...	...	2
Jeff Squire	...	...	3
Jeff Watkins	...	...	4
Alun Evans	...	...	9
David Burcher	...	...	10
Gareth Evans	...	...	11
Jeff Martin	...	...	12
Clive Jenkins	...	...	13
Leighton Davies	...	...	15

PENARTH

Colours: Blue and White hoops

Phil Helmore	...	...	15
Alan Stamp	...	...	14
Jim Parsons	...	...	13
Dennis John	...	...	12
Kearin McDonnell	...	...	11
Brian Rowlands	...	...	8
Rob McPherson	...	...	7
Julian Marsh	...	...	6
Mike Chinnock	...	...	5
Lyn Baxter (Captain)	...	...	4

PONTYPOOL

Colours: Red, White, Black hoops

Bob Windsor	...	...	1
Steve Jones	...	...	2
Brian Gregory	...	...	3
Graham Douglas	...	...	4
Graham Price	...	...	5
Paul Woods	...	...	6
Keith James	...	...	7
Brian Jones	...	...	8
Mike Twoomy	...	...	9
Martin Hughes	...	...	10

SWANSEA

Colours: All White

Gerwyn Jones	...	...	1
Alan Meredith	...	...	2
David Richards	...	...	3
Robert Dyer	...	...	4
Ray Woodward	...	...	5
Jeff Herdman	...	...	6
Phil Llewellyn	...	...	7
Baden Evans	8
Mark Keyworth	9
Phil Davies	10

THE RUGBY BALLS USED AT THIS TOURNAMENT

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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: K. D. Bidder)

NEWPORT JUNIORS

Colours:
Black and Amber

Gordon Watkins	...	...	1
Steven Bowles	...	...	2
Michael Saladino	...	...	3
Michael Robinson	...	...	4
Adrian Calnon	...	...	5
Martin Elwicke	...	...	6
Emlyn Clarke	...	...	7
David Jones	...	...	8
Paul Pembridge	...	...	9
Steven Evans	...	...	10

PENARTH JUNIORS

Colours:
Black and White hoops

Alex Page (Evenlode)	...	1
James Jackson, Capt. (Evenlode)	...	2
Nick Jenkins (St. Andrews)	...	3
Alan Raven (Murch)	...	4
Stephen Rees (St. Andrews)	...	5
Simon Peacock (St. Joseph's)	...	9
Andrew Summers (Llandough)	...	10
Aiden Moran (Westbourne Ho.)	...	12
Mark Coles (Victoria)	...	14
David Hough (Llandough)	...	15

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