

The Rugby Piper

RUGBY
MEMORIES
SCOTLAND



February 2024 Edition **QUESTIONS**

JPR WILLIAMS



I had the good fortune to meet JPR Williams in Bridgend when we were invited down to meet with a group of ex-players in the town. The group met regularly for an All-Day Breakfast in a local restaurant, and we arrived in good time. I asked our host who was who in his group and he replied with a smile- "Put it this way, you two are the only ones who didn't play for Wales." One latecomer was instantly recognisable. The grey hair couldn't disguise the familiar sideburns of JPR himself. He sat at the back with his friends and was just accepted as one of the group. When we had finished explaining the Rugby Memories project, he came over to join us." I'm just a humble bone doctor, but my wife works with older people, and she will be really interested in this." He was the most modest of men and I would have to admit that we were star struck in the extreme. We passed on greetings from our ambassador Sandy Carmichael, and he recalled many of their great adventures from the Lions tours of 1971 and 1974. Quite often you can be disappointed when you meet your sporting heroes, but this time he lived up to all the expectations. Sandy had told us that he was a really nice guy, and he certainly was. He must have spent almost an hour with us asking about the project and how it worked, as well as talking about Sandy and that game against The All Blacks that has become the stuff of legends. Definitely one of the

greatest players I have ever seen, and such a modest and humble guy.

THIS EDITION'S THEME

February sees the start of the Six Nations tournament and each country will be hoping for a successful run. Our February issue tests your recall of past encounters, incidents, and players.

THE LAST FIVE NATIONS GAMES 1999

1. Who was Scotland's coach?
2. Which touring side had beaten Scotland 35-10 at Murrayfield a few weeks before the tournament started?
3. Which Scot scored against Wales after only ten seconds at Murrayfield?
4. Scott Murray made his debut for Scotland in that game. Which English team did he play for at that time?
5. Which team won 34-33 in Paris?
6. Which Scot scored a try in every game in the 1999 tournament?

THE OVERALL FIVE NATIONS TABLE

Taking % of wins from games played, can you place the countries in an overall Five Nations table?

1. 53%
2. 50%
3. 48%
4. 44%
5. 43%

FRENCH STAR



Who is this French full-back?

IRELAND STAR



Do you recognise this Ireland back?

ENGLAND STAR



Can you name this former England forward?

SCOTLAND STAR



Do you recognise this former Scotland and Lions star?

THE AMBASSADOR'S FIRST CAP

Our first ambassador Sandy Carmichael won his first Scotland cap in February 1967 against Ireland at Murrayfield. Can you name the Scotland three-quarters that day from their initials?

15. S.W.
14. S.H.
13. J.T.
12. R.W.
11. D.W.
10. B.S.
9. A.H.

WALES STAR



Who is this former Welsh forward?

SANDY'S LAST CAP

Sandy Carmichael played his last game for Scotland in January 1978, becoming the first prop in

the world to win fifty caps for his country. Can you identify the Scotland forwards from their initials?

1. I.M.
2. D.M.
3. **SANDY CARMICHAEL**
4. A.T.
5. A.M.
6. M.B.
7. D.M.
8. B.H.

TROPHY WINNERS

There was no trophy for the winners of the Five Nations from 1910 to 1992. In 1993, who were the first side to actually be presented with a trophy?

800TH A QUESTION OF SPORT

On November 7th, 2007, the 800th show featured two Rugby stars. One was captain Matt Dawson- who was the other?

IRELAND LEGEND



1. Who is this?
2. Where did he do his law degree? Edinburgh, Oxford, or Cambridge.
3. How many Lions tours did he play in- 3, 4, 5, or 6?
4. Which honour was he given – OBE, MBE, or CBE?
5. How many caps did he win for Ireland- 49, 59 or 69?

GREATEST WELSH HEROES OF ALL TIME



Aneurin Bevan was voted top of the poll in the Greatest Welsh Heroes of All Time in 2004. Which Rugby player was voted into sixth place?

CAPTAIN MARVEL



As well as captaining the Scotland national side on twenty occasions, he has also led sides in England, Hong Kong, and New Zealand. Which sides?

THE CALCUTTA CUP



How well do you know the story of the famous old trophy?

1. Where was it first contested- Edinburgh or London?
2. What was the cup made of – silver rupees or silver sixpences?

3. The handles represent which snake-vipers or cobras?
4. Who are the current holders- Scotland or England?

TRUE OR FALSE?

Here are some Rugby statements. Are they true or false?

- a. In 1972 the Five Nations Championship was not concluded.
- b. Paul Thorburn was the 100th Welsh captain.
- c. Andy Irvine never played in a winning Scotland team at Twickenham.
- d. The Edinburgh Polo Club sold Murrayfield in 1922 to the Scottish Football Union.
- e. The first Triple Crown trophy was awarded to Wales.
- f. Scotland has only won the Six Nations tournament once.
- g. In 2007. Ireland beat England 43-13 at Lansdowne Road.

STATUE TIME



Who is depicted in this statue which is in the St. David's Shopping Centre in Cardiff?

BOTH CODES

Whose Rugby career is this?

LEEDS RHINOS to

CARDIFF BLUES to

BRADFORD BULLS