

The Rugby Piper

THE SAME SURNAMENES – SPECIAL EDITION



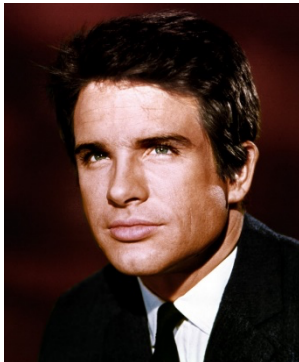
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

As someone once sang – Things Can Only Get Better. Let's hope 2024 will see a better time for us all, as players, spectators, volunteers or viewers.

THIS EDITION'S THEME

This issue is a Shared Surnames Special. We will show famous people who share their surname with International Rugby players. Mostly the spelling of the surname is identical, but some may vary slightly. Can you guess who the players are?

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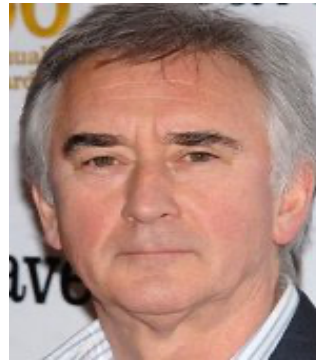
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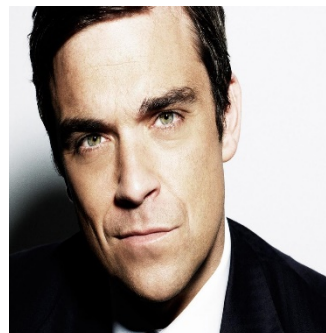
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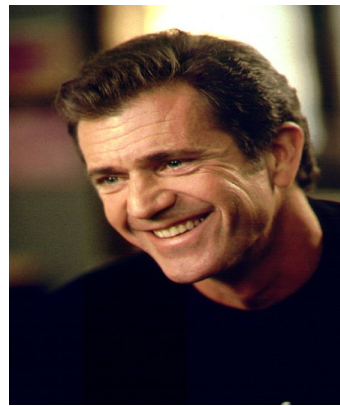
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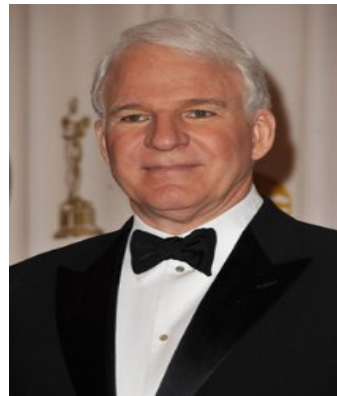
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THE GREATEST EVER SCOTLAND XV?

Back in 1994, there was an interesting exercise in Scottish Rugby magazine when readers were asked to submit names for the Greatest Scotland XV from the previous three decades. A panel consisting of Norman Mair, Bill McMurtrie and Ian McGregor selected six candidates for each position. Not everyone would agree with the final choices, but see if you could name the two fifteens from their initials.

FIRST XV

15. K.S.
14. A.I.
13. S.H.
12. I.M
11. K.R.
10. J.R.
9. G.A.
1. D.S.
2. C.D.
3. I.M.
4. A.R.
5. G.B.
6. J.J.
7. F.C.
8. I.P.

THE SECOND XV

15. G.H.
14. D.S.
13. A.T.
12. J.R.
11. B.S.

10. J.T.
9. R.L.
1. I.M.
2. K.M.
3. S.C.
4. C.G.
5. A.M.
6. J.C.
7. D.L.
8. J.B.

AND FINALLY.....

A TRUE or FALSE Selection. Just mark your choice T or F after the statement.

1. Canadian stand-off Gareth Rees appeared in all of the first four World Cups.
2. Seven-a-Side Rugby was started in Hawick in 1883.
3. The stand-off was known as the Five-eighth in Australia.
4. Until 1977-78 you could score a drop goal from a mark.
5. Gloucester were the first winners of the Guinness Premiership in 2006-07.
6. Eric Liddell won his first Scotland cap against England in 1923.
7. David Campese captained Australia when they won the Rugby World Cup in 1991.
8. Rob Andrew of England scored a try, a drop goal, five penalties and two conversions in a single game against South Africa.
9. Rugby was played at the 1900 Olympics in Paris.
10. Barbarians fielded only one Scot in the epic win over New Zealand in Cardiff in 1973.