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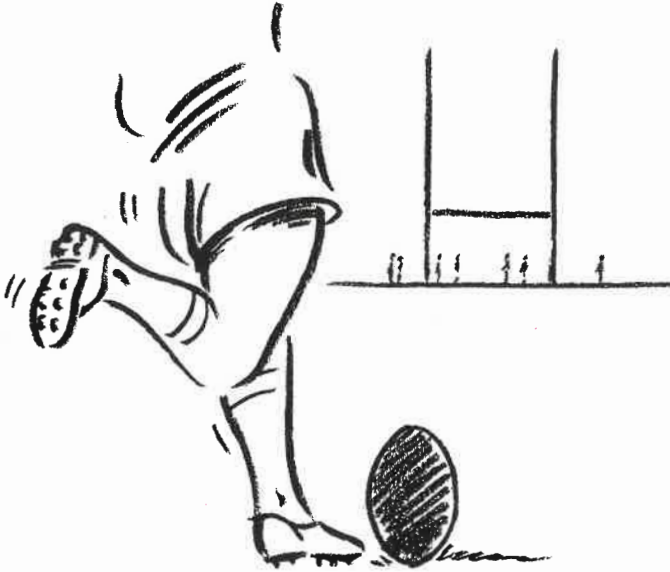
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NOTHING QUITE LIKE THE SEVENS

by Bill McLaren



Even for someone like myself, weaned on the seven-a-side game, born and bred in the Scottish Border country where sevens were invented and launched on a grateful public in 1883, it isn't all that difficult to create a love-hate relationship with the abbreviated version both as a player and as commentator.

On the one hand seven-a-side affords players the opportunity of running with the ball and handling it more often in the one afternoon than in a whole month of fifteens. Players who spend much of their Saturday afternoons chasing after high kicks find the open spaces of the sevens field and the opportunities for speedy interplay and long runs for dramatic runaway tries something of a blessed relief. Nowadays, of course, even props and locks can handle the ball with some surety because so much of the fitness and tactical training is done with the ball in their hands. In former days, however, it was only in sevens that forwards could test their grasp of giving and taking passes and of support running. Playing sevens still can be an exhilarating experience but, at the same time, even when fitness levels are so high, it also can resemble a form of physical torture. Seven minutes each way may not seem a lot but on a pitch, 100 metres by 69, and especially on a hot day, it certainly can sap the stamina and puff. How the northern

hemisphere players stood the heat and humidity of Suva and Hong Kong just three weeks ago is a matter of some wonder.

Even as a schoolboy, and fairly fit and full of running at that, one can recall the burning sensation in the throat after the first long run in the opening tie and how we used always to have a bag of glucose with which to ease throat dryness and give us additional energy – or so we thought! The catch with sevens action is that it is virtually non-stop so that you are soon out of breath and with legs like lead weights. Perhaps the modern player doesn't feel it quite so badly with all the modern aids towards fitness and medication. But sevens still is a test of physical resolve. And never more so than when the opposition punt downfield and you are the poor soul who

has to run all the way back into your own '22'. That can be bad enough but when you turn and face that long haul upfield again the distance can appear to be five miles and not just 100 metres. Worse still, if there is no colleague readily available upon whom to offload the ball! Of course, there are exceptions. At the recent Cathay Pacific and Hong Kong Bank sevens that elfin genius, Waisale Serevi of Fiji, scored four tries from long range against Malaysia. He should have been totally 'bushed' but, in fact, barely seemed to be breathing. Extraordinary chap. It is hard to believe but, in that tie, he scored 34 of Fiji's 49 points with four tries and seven conversions and his tally at the end of the five ties over the tournament was 86 points. Of all the great sevens exponents I have been privileged to see in



Waisale Serevi in action in Hong Kong.

action over many years I rate Serevi as the most gifted of all. He has on call all the elements of deception, including that distinctive hitch-kick that he and David Campese have made their own and with which they sometimes leave opponents cross-eyed. Against Australia, in Hong Kong, Serevi was cornered and boxed in by five opponents and seemed doomed to bruising engagement. Yet with a shimmy, sidestep, sway of the hips and sudden change of pace he was gone like some phantom. Superb Serevi!

There is no hiding place in sevens where the fitness and skills of all players are thoroughly exposed for all to see. The wonder of the modern game is that, even under the most immediate and intense physical pressure, players' skills stay so impressively high, not least in some wondrous improvisation of pass to free ball out of the tackle and so keep it alive. That seems to apply even in extra time. Now *that* can be brutally demanding and engraved on my memory is my experience as a member of a Hawick seven who met Kelso in that club's tournament in 1948. Defences were so tight that neither could score. We played one session of extra time, then another, then another . . . five in all! They reckoned that we had played some 50 minutes of sevens before Sandy Charters trundled over for the winning try for Kelso. In our third session of extra time I was roundly upbraided by my teammate, Jimmy Lumsden, for not running back quickly enough to cover. Run? I could barely walk! We walked on our heels back to the hotel in which we changed because the soles of our feet were skinned and raw through playing for so long on the firm pitch. Sevens can be a very hard game!

It can be hard for commentators of radio and television as well. True, the cut



The inimitable David Campese.

and thrust and constant movement in sevens is in sharp contrast to some of the stop-start rugby in fifteens. The quality of action on the pitch can be inspirational to the man with the microphone. There are spectacular runaway tries and occasionally the tension of sudden death scores in extra time with which the commentator can paint a picture of drama and excitement. On the other hand sevens can prove something of a nightmare for commentators in relation to accurate identification of players. Most tournaments have 16 teams of seven, some 112 players the commentator has to be able to name in the instant. Some task. At Hong Kong and, now, the World Sevens at Murrayfield, there are 24 squads with ten players each, 240 players in all not to mention a manager and coach with each squad. Imagine trying to name each of those fellows instantly. There is, too, pronunciation of names. At the Hong Kong event the Koreans included Cho Doo Hwan, Cho Jin Sik, Kim Yeon Ki and Cho Sung-Chui. Romania had Guranescu, Draguceanu and Stefanescu. Try getting your tongue round that lot as the

ball flips through their hands as if it were a bit of red hot charcoal! And have you ever tried telling one Korean from another, one Japanese from another or, indeed, one New Zealander from another? One famous broadcaster asked Eric Rush, the New Zealand captain, if he would grant him an interview. "Sure" said the lad, "but I'm not Eric Rush. I'm Junior Paramore". And that was at closequarters!

But there is nothing quite like the sevens although there used to be golden rules and woe betide anyone who broke them. Once at the Gala tournament I punted across to our big wing, Wattie Scott, who gathered and scored a runaway try. Yet when we came off the pitch I received a rocket from an aged committee man for punting in sevens. My protestations that it had led to a try were in vain. You did not punt in sevens! Nor did you drop goals. That great Irishman, Tony O'Reilly, once made two long scoring runs for a Co-Optimists seven and, on being given the ball again and being a little bit out of puff, he dropped for goal. Whereupon he was approached by a gnarled little Border scrumhalf, Jackie Wright, with the

scathing reprimand: "Hey you, O'Reilly, we dinna drop goals in seevins, we score tries". Yet in the recent Hong Kong event the Western Samoan, Anetelea Aiolupo, calmly stroked over a drop goal to sink New Zealand in the semi-final. There is a place and a time for everything – even in sevens.

The short game has provided for me some of the most memorable of Rugby Union experiences. Once I saw Keith Fielding score 11 tries for Loughborough Colleges at the 1970 Middlesex event. I'd never seen anyone come out of his block as fast. It was in sevens when he was a young member of the Loughborough Colleges side that I first thrilled to the special gifts of Gerald Davies. Martin Offiah first made an impression in the Rosslyn Park seven at the Middlesex tournament when he scorched away for close on a dozen tries before going on to such breath-taking feats in the Rugby League game. When the first World Sevens were held at Murrayfield in 1973 to celebrate the Scottish Rugby Union centenary there was the ground-eating stride of Andy Ripley, a mighty sevens force, the proof from Fran Cotton, the England captain, that there was a place in the short game for the front row forward with good hands, bright footballing sense and strength, and the audience were treated to a demonstration of the abundant skills of Ireland's Mike Gibson, operating at scrumhalf as to the manner born because the Irish, true to their habit and heritage, decided to play a scrumhalf, Donal Canniffe, as hooker. It worked for they got to the final and lost to England by only 22-18, Keith Fielding scoring two rippling tries. That was some England seven: Keith Fielding, Peter Preece, Peter Rossborough, Steve Smith, Fran Cotton, John Gray and Andy Ripley. The current manager of the Scottish squad,

Duncan Paterson of Gala, was one of the most gifted artistes ever to grace the sevens field. Once he scored five tries in a final against Loughborough Colleges. One boggled at the tactical expertise of the London Scottish sevens of the Sixties who, with Iain Laughland as their orchestra leader, introduced a new dimension of deliberately slowing down the pace of play whilst running brilliantly off the ball and retaining possession before, in a blink, sending one of their flying machines scorching through a gap for a dramatic score. Just a year ago the Western Samoan second string came to the Middlesex tournament and sailed through in beating London Welsh, Orrell, Harlequins and London Scottish to bring a smile from their manageress, Marina Schaffhausen, and their likeable coach, Taufusi Salesa.

There was the cheeky chappie brilliance of the inimitable David Campese when his Sydney club, Randwick, won the Melrose tournament in 1990. A year later at Melrose Denis McBride, Ireland's international flanker, had to be introduced to the two wings in the Irish Wolfhounds squad of which he was captain; yet they

stuck to a simple format to win – get the ball, support in numbers and run like hell!

One has been privileged also to cover the Hong Kong tournament on four occasions. That unique event has everything – a spectacular back-drop to their reconstructed stadium, sporting crowd involvement, admirable on-field behaviour with few exceptions, and the sheer delight of the emergent countries at crossing swords with the world's heavyweights and never mind the score at the end.

And now the World Sevens at Murrayfield 110 years after Adam 'Ned' Haig first had the idea of the short game to boost the finances of the Melrose club. Actually the folk of the Border country still refer to the sevens as 'the sports' because in the early days the rugby was preceded by running, dribbling and goalkicking competitions. Indeed at Hawick they still have a handicap footrace between the semi-final and final. There won't be anything like that at Murrayfield over the next three days but there will be spectacle, drama, fun and a host of cracking tries. As my fellow Borderers would say: 'There is nothing quite like the sevens'.



Keith Fielding.



Gerald Davies.

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"For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother." *William Shakespeare (1564-1616).*



Warrior



THE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

by Chris Thau



The silence in the small FILI stadium in Moscow was deafening. Latvian fullback Armands Višnevskis had snapped up the ball spilt by a Russian centre, following Zavadskis' awkward tackle, and sprinted through to score near the posts. The score was 10-all and the tension among the fairly sizeable band of Latvian supporters became unbearable, as captain Vladimirs Nikonovs walked towards the 22-metre line for the conversion. The local crowd was stunned into silence. For a moment, they had even forgotten the favourite Muscovite pastime of whistling the kicker, such was the shock of the try.

The game had been a tense, nail-biting affair, with both sides making errors, overwhelmed by the significance of the encounter. The Russians drew first blood after a blunder of the Latvian defence, but saviour Nikonovs ran a penalty by himself near the Russian line to draw the score level. After half-time the Russians scored again and, until Višnevskis' near-miraculous try, it looked as if the Latvians were doomed. No one could have criticised them for lack of passion and commitment, even if they had lost. In the previous game, against the much-fancied Georgia, the underdogs from the Baltics produced a major upset. It must have been the first, soft try, scored virtually unopposed, that had lulled the Georgians into a sense of false security and perhaps over-

confidence. Nikonovs cut the deficit with a 40 metres penalty and a minute later he went over to score Latvia's first international try, which had a sledgehammer effect on the unsuspecting Georgians. Scrum-half Kaspars Veksa landed the conversion, and suddenly the Georgians found themselves trailing behind. Desperate to score, they neglected their defence, a folly promptly punished by two further Latvian tries. In the other game, Russia



convincingly beat (15-0) an ambitious yet limited Lithuanian side and stepped on the pitch ready to inflict similar damage on the 'colonials' from Latvia.

For all the independent, or semi-independent nations of the former Soviet empire, playing against Russia, the former imperial power, is a rather special occasion. Beating them though has a unique flavour, especially in a game regarded as the preserve of the Russian elite, the Gagarian Airforce Academy, and therefore loaded with political

as well as martial overtones. For Latvia, winning its independence from Moscow for the second time this century, in 1991, it must have been a particularly sweet moment. As Nikonovs placed the ball for the vital conversion, Egis Eglitis, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Latvian Rugby Federation hid his face in his hands. "I could not bear the tension anymore. Suddenly I remembered a similar moment the previous year in the play-offs for the the Soviet first division. Our champion club, RAF from Riga, was playing against a team from Moscow, 'Spartak'. The visitors were leading 9-7 in extra-time when the referee awarded a penalty against the Russians at a ruck near the centre, about five metres in our own territory.

"Nikonovs, who is also the captain of RAF neatly slotted the ball through as if he was doing kicking practice. RAF won promotion, and Nikonovs became almost a national hero," Eglitis recalled.

When Eglitis looked up again, he saw Nikonovs surrounded by a huddle of cheering Latvians, carrying the victorious captain high on their shoulders. The 31-year-old tailor from Riga had written a piece of history on the turf of the Moscow stadium. Latvia was through to the World Sevens tournament in Edinburgh. It was the first time in the history of the game that a nation achieved international success in sevens before

establishing a presence in the fifteen-a-side game. The Moscow tournament was the final act of a qualifying saga which commenced in Catania, Sicily three months earlier. It was not meant to take place, with the IRB having already picked the Soviet Union among the 20 invited nations. But political events had overtaken the organisers. The Soviet empire collapsed and the newly born nations, Latvia, Georgia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Uzbekistan, Moldavia and Kazakhstan, keen to establish their own national identity, jostled for position. With the Latvians, literally coming out of nowhere to snatch an improbable win, it looked as if a fairy-tale was coming true. Their win also gave the World Cup Sevens concept credibility. Hopefully, one day, the Latvians will be strong enough in the fifteen-a-side game to challenge the established powers. However, at this moment in time, they have yet to play their first full international game as an independent nation. The success in sevens has put Latvia on the rugby map.

Catania, on the other hand, although producing moments of breathtaking rugby, lacked the drama of the Moscow tournament. Seventeen nations gathered from all over the world to compete for the remaining four World Cup spots: Tunisia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Morocco and Kenya from Africa, Malaysia, Taiwan, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong from Asia, Gulf from the Middle East and Spain, Poland, Belgium, Portugal, Germany, Sweden and Czechoslovakia from Europe.

Namibia won the tournament undefeated, though sevens is relatively new in Southern Africa. Captain, Gerhard Mans and his men arrived in Sicily after a modest appearance in the Hong Kong sevens two months earlier.

After Hong Kong, the Namibians returned to their home base at Windhoek and under their coaching guru Henning Snyman worked out a pattern to win the qualifier in Sicily. They decided that traditional South African qualities: hard tackling, constant support, superior ball retention and excellent fitness should see them through. They were right, and they sailed through to Edinburgh, but for a bruising encounter against their neighbours Zimbabwe in the quarter-finals of the tournament.



Pre-qualifying action.

Hong Kong, rather than Zimbabwe reached the final thanks to a hard-fought 10-all draw against Andy Ferreira and his men in the first game of the Catania tournament. It was Stuart Brew, the Hong Kong flyer and his teammate Ian Strange, a policeman in the colony, whose 12-try tally in the qualifying pool helped Hong Kong beat Zimbabwe on a try-count to reach the World Sevens finals at Murrayfield.

A strict 'diet' of selfless commitment, blistering pace, high level of fitness and shrewd planning, devised by Taiwan's chief coach Lin Ching Tang has helped Nationalist China achieve its first major success in rugby union, albeit in the short code. As a recognition of their talent the two main factors in Taiwan's success story, flanker Jou Tian-Sing and winger Cyan Shuon Mae were invited after the Catania tournament to join

the multi-national FIRA selection that toured Namibia the following month.

The Spanish, on paper one of the favourites of the three-day tournament nearly got knocked out, but for their tournament-saving win against Zimbabwe in the afternoon of the second day. The Spaniards, fielding some of the heroes of their 1986 win over England in Sydney: Jon Azkargorta, Santiago Santos, Alberto Malo, Francisco Puertas and Gabriel Rivero, barely survived 10-8 against a talented Tunisian team, and were beaten 22-12 by the Taiwan speedsters in their pool. When they lost 18-16 to Zimbabwe on the morning of the second day it looked as if their tournament, and with it hopes of reaching Murrayfield, had come to an end. A 16-12 win against the same Zimbabwe in the afternoon, saw them through to the quarter-finals against a talented, but slow Portugal, who did well going down 10-6.

The Czechs reached the quarter-finals at the expense of a stylish Tunisia, but were wiped out by the fast and knowledgeable Hong Kong. The Portuguese showed tremendous potential, but lack of pace out wide doomed their better efforts. Malaysia improved as the tournament wore on. They were fairly and squarely annihilated 22-0 by Tunisia in the first round of the tournament, but managed to give the same Tunisian flyers a fright, going down 14-10 in the semi-final of the plate.

Sri Lanka, Morocco and Belgium, Sweden and Poland, even Gulf and Kenya all had their moments of glory, albeit short lived, in what was their first brush with big time rugby, their World Cup.

And whatever Murrayfield has to offer, one thing is for sure – it will be hard pressed to live up to the passion, colour and commitment of the Catania festival.

World Cup Sevens Qualifiers Results

Moscow Tournament

Russia 21, Georgia 5; Georgia 5, Latvia 20; Russia 15, Lithuania 0; Georgia 19, Lithuania 0; Russia 10, Latvia 12; Latvia 0, Lithuania 12.

29 May 1992

Qualifying Pools

Pool A

Namibia 18, Poland 0; Portugal 12, Sweden 16; Gulf 6, Poland 13; Portugal 6, Namibia 24, Sweden 16, Gulf 10; Poland 6, Portugal 9; Sweden 0, Namibia 38; Gulf 6, Portugal 18; Poland 0, Sweden 22; Namibia 42, Gulf 0.

Classification: 1 Namibia, 2 Sweden, 3 Portugal, 4 Poland, 5 Gulf.

Pool B

Zimbabwe 10, Hong Kong 10; Belgium 10, Morocco 0; Sri Lanka 12, Czechoslovakia 17; Belgium 0, Zimbabwe 40; Sri Lanka 4, Hong Kong 30; Morocco 12, Czechoslovakia 12; Sri Lanka 6, Belgium 28; Morocco 6, Zimbabwe 16; Hong Kong 20, Czechoslovakia 8; Morocco 6, Sri Lanka 16; Hong Kong 24, Belgium 10; Zimbabwe 24, Czechoslovakia 12; Hong Kong 32, Morocco 16; Zimbabwe 22, Sri Lanka 4; Belgium 0, Czechoslovakia 6.

Classification: 1 Hong Kong (on try count), 2 Zimbabwe, 3 Belgium, 4 Czechoslovakia, 5 Sri Lanka, 6 Morocco.

Pool C

Spain 10, Tunisia 8; Taiwan 12, Germany 6; Malaysia 12, Kenya 12; Taiwan 22, Spain 12; Malaysia 0, Tunisia 22; Germany 22, Kenya 6; Malaysia 4, Taiwan 32; Germany 0, Spain 14; Tunisia 22, Kenya 0; Germany 14, Malaysia 12; Tunisia 12, Taiwan 12; Spain 22, Kenya 6; Tunisia 16, Germany 14; Spain 20, Malaysia 10; Taiwan 34, Kenya 0.

Classification: 1 Taiwan, 2 Spain, 3 Tunisia, 4 Germany, 5 Malaysia, 6 Kenya.

The first four teams of each pool qualified for the Sicily Trophy and were drawn into pools D, E, F and G in descending order. The five remaining teams ranked from 13 to 17, plus the Sicily selection, competed for the Etna Cup and were drawn into two pools (A and B) of three.

30 May 1992

Qualifying Pools

Pool D

Namibia 26, Taiwan 10; Namibia 28, Hong Kong 4; Hong Kong 12, Taiwan 12.

Classification: 1 Namibia, 2 Taiwan, 3 Hong Kong.

Pool E

Sweden 0, Spain 24; Sweden 4, Zimbabwe 20; Zimbabwe 18, Spain 16.

Classification: 1 Zimbabwe, 2 Spain, 3 Sweden.

Pool F

Portugal 10, Tunisia 18; Portugal 18, Belgium 6; Belgium 10, Tunisia 18.

Classification: 1 Tunisia, 2 Portugal, 3 Belgium.

Pool G

Poland 0, Germany 12; Poland 12, Czechoslovakia 12; Czechoslovakia 16, Germany 30.

Classification: 1 Germany, 2 Poland, 3 Czechoslovakia.

The top 12 teams were drawn into pools H, I, L and M. The last four teams joined the first five eliminated teams of the first-day qualifying pools to play in the knock-out competition.

Etna Cup

Pool A

Gulf 12, Malaysia 20; Morocco 24, Malaysia 12; Gulf 18, Morocco 6.

Pool B

Sicily 12, Kenya 12; Sri Lanka 0, Kenya 24; Sicily 32, Sri Lanka 0.

Sicily Trophy

Pool H

Namibia 22, Poland 0; Portugal 12, Poland 6; Namibia 24, Portugal 4.

Classification: 1 Namibia, 2 Portugal, 3 Poland.

Pool I

Taiwan 30, Czechoslovakia 10; Tunisia 10, Czechoslovakia 10; Taiwan 19, Tunisia 6.

Classification: 1 Taiwan, 2 Czechoslovakia, 3 Tunisia.

Pool L

Hong Kong 24, Germany 0; Sweden 14, Germany 0; Hong Kong 32, Sweden 0.

Classification: 1 Hong Kong, 2 Sweden, 3 Germany.

Pool M

Zimbabwe 18, Belgium 4; Spain 24, Belgium 0; Zimbabwe 12, Spain 16.

Classification: 1 Spain, 2 Zimbabwe, 3 Belgium.

31 May 1992

Etna Cup

Quarter-Finals

Poland 10, Kenya 18; Tunisia 22, Morocco 0; Germany 6, Sicily 22; Belgium 10, Malaysia 14.

Semi-Finals

Kenya 12, Sicily 15; Tunisia 14, Malaysia 10.

Final

Sicily 10, Tunisia 8.

Sicily Trophy

Quarter-Finals

Namibia 16, Zimbabwe 10; Spain 10, Portugal 6; Taiwan 20, Sweden 12; Hong Kong 26, Czechoslovakia 6.

Semi-Finals

Namibia 24, Taiwan 6; Spain 12, Hong Kong 14.

Final

Namibia 26, Hong Kong 12.



FRANCE

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: T. JANECEK
Club: Tarbes
Age: 33
Height: 6' 2½" (1.90m)
Weight: 14st 10lbs (94Kg)
Caps: Three



No. 6
Name: H. MOLA
Club: Toulouse
Age: 19
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 11st 11lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: D. DAL POS
Club: Colomiers
Age: 27
Height: 5' 11½" (1.82m)
Weight: 13st 9lbs (87Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 7
Name: D. FAUGERON
Club: Brive
Age: 20
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: L. CABANNES
Club: Racing Club
Age: 29
Height: 6' 2½" (1.90m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: 29



No. 8
Name: P. BERNAT SALLES
Club: Pau
Age: 23
Height: 5' 11½" (1.81m)
Weight: 11st 8lbs (74Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 4
Name: C. DEYLAUD
Club: Toulouse
Age: 28
Height: 5' 9½" (1.76m)
Weight: 11st 11lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Three



No. 9
Name: D. BERTY
Club: Toulouse
Age: 22
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 5
Name: E. BONNEVAL
Club: Racing Club
Age: 29
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: 18



No. 10
Name: S. FILALI
Club: Brive
Age: 24
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 15st 1lb (96Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



NEW ZEALAND

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1

Name: **D. J. SEYMOUR**
Club: Canterbury University
Age: 25
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 15st 1lb (96Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6

Name: **G. M. OSBORNE**
Club: Silverdale
Age: 21
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2

Name: **P. R. LAM**
Club: Marist
Age: 24
Height: 6' 2½" (1.89m)
Weight: 15st 10lbs (100Kg)
Caps: Six



No. 7

Name: **T. BLACKADDER**
Club: Belfast Christchurch
Age: 21
Height: 6' 4½" (1.94m)
Weight: 16st 0lbs (104Kg)
Caps:



No. 3

Name: **J. PARAMORE**
Club: Manurewa
Age: 25
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 15st 1lb (96Kg)
Caps: Six



No. 8

Name: **J. K. R. TIMU**
Club: Taireai
Age: 22
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 9lbs (87Kg)
Caps: 13



No. 4

Name: **E. J. RUSH**
Club: Takapuna
Age: 28
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 13st 9lbs (87Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9

Name: **S. T. FORSTER**
Club: Otago
Age: 24
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 11st 11lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 5

Name: **F. E. BUNCE**
Club: Helensville
Age: 30
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: 13



No. 10

Name: **P. WOODS**
Club: Waikite
Age: 25
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
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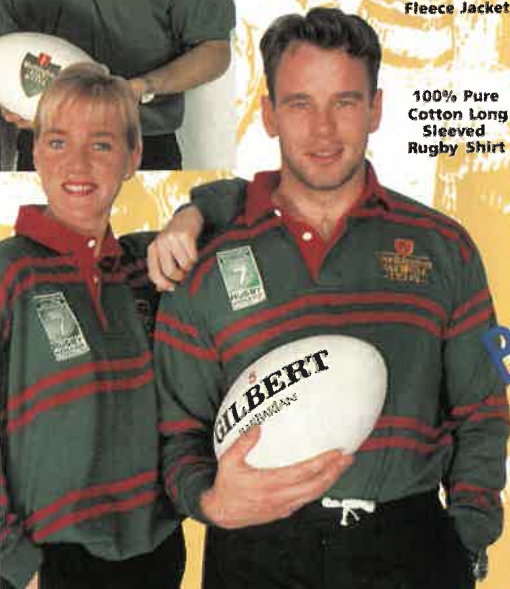
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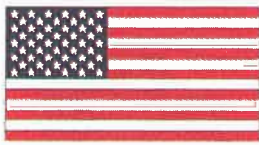
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Caps: 22



No. 2
Name: **W. T. BREWINGTON**
Club: Maryland Old Boys
Age: 33
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 12st 7lbs (76Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **J. BURGETT**
Club: Old Puget Sound
Age: 27
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 14st 4lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 4
Name: **A. J. DUJAKOVICH**
Club: Kansas City
Age: 27
Height: 5' 7" (1.72m)
Weight: 11st 6lbs (73Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 5
Name: **C. P. O'BRIEN**
Club: Old Blues of California
Age: 28
Height: 5' 10" (1.79m)
Weight: 13st 3lbs (84Kg)
Caps: 17



No. 6
Name: **G. M. HEIN**
Club: Old Blues of California
Age: 28
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 12st 7lbs (80Kg)
Caps: 22



No. 7
Name: **J. M. HINKIN**
Club: Old Mission Beach A.C.
Age: 26
Height: 5' 11" (1.82m)
Weight: 12st 7lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: **A. RIDNELL**
Club: Old Puget Sound
Age: 32
Height: 6' 6" (1.98m)
Weight: 16st 13lbs (107Kg)
Caps: 13



No. 9
Name: **S. STEPHENS**
Club: Washington
Age: 33
Height: 6' 2" (1.89m)
Weight: 13st 13lbs (89Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 10
Name: **M. A. TELKAMP**
Club: Old Puget Sound
Age: 29
Height: 5' 10" (1.79m)
Weight: 13st 13lbs (89Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



KOREA

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **D-H. CHO**
Club: Korea Electrical Power
Age: 27
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6
Name: **YEON-KI KIM**
Club: Korea Electrical Power
Age: 28
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **K-W. LEE**
Club: Korea Steel Chemical
Age: 23
Height: 5' 11" (1.81m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 7
Name: **S-C. CHO**
Club: Toyo Ink
Age: 30
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **D-H. KANG**
Club: Yon-Sei University
Age: 22
Height: 6' 1½" (1.87m)
Weight: 14st 10lbs (94Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: **J-B. PARK**
Club: Ban-Kook University
Age: 21
Height: 6' 1½" (1.86m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 4
Name: **H-K. SUNG**
Club: Kyoung-Hee University
Age: 21
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: **C-Y. CHOI**
Club: Army
Age: 22
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps:



No. 5
Name: **YOON-KI KIM**
Club: Army
Age: 24
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: Ten



No. 10
Name: **D-J. CHA**
Club: Army
Age: 23
Height: 5' 8" (1.73m)
Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



NETHERLANDS

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **B. WIERENGA**
Club: Castricumse R.C.
Age: 30
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 14st 13lbs (95Kg)
Caps: 11



No. 6
Name: **E. TABAK**
Club: Castricumse R.C.
Age: 27
Height: 5' 8½" (1.74m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **A. SEYBEL**
Club: E.Z.R.C. Oemoemenoe
Age: 23
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 16st 2lbs (103Kg)
Caps: Seven



No. 7
Name: **M. MARCKER**
Club: Castricumse R.C.
Age: 28
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)
Caps: 38



No. 3
Name: **B. J. G. M. VERHOFSTAD**
Club: Castricumse R.C.
Age: 28
Height: 6' 1½" (1.87m)
Weight: 15st 10lbs (100Kg)
Caps: 21



No. 8
Name: **A. MARCKER**
Club: Castricumse R.C.
Age: 29
Height: 5' 8" (1.72m)
Weight: 11st 6lbs (73Kg)
Caps: 20



No. 4
Name: **M. GEELHOED**
Club: Haagse R.C.
Age: 30
Height: 6' 1½" (1.87m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 9
Name: **P. BLOM**
Club: Castricumse R.C.
Age: 27
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 5
Name: **G. O. BOS**
Club: R.F.C. Diok
Age: 29
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: Eight

No. 10
Name: **M. NAGTEGAAL**
Club: Hilversum
Age: 20
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps:

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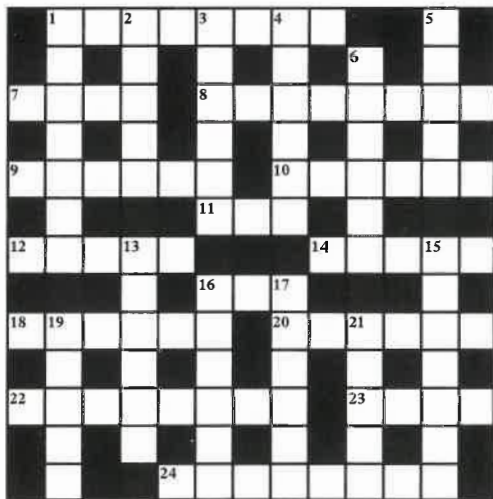
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ACROSS

- Where all Sevens fans go in the East! (4.4)
- Rush, the New Zealand Sevens star. (4)
- New Zealand referee in charge of the Wales -v- Australia 1991 game. (8)
- John McBride? (6)
- Darker of the Varsity sides. (6)
- Precedes Waldron! (3)
- Nimble and quick. (5)
- Wales' most capped prop. (5)
- Edward of Wasps, England winger of the Fifties! (3)
- Australian-born scrum-half who played for his native country **and** New Zealand! (6)
- Lost his place to Barnes this year. (6)
- Possibly South Africa's greatest ever wing forward. (3.5)
- Windsor's title? (4)
- He came on for Chalmers at Twickenham. (8)

DOWN

- England scrum-half last capped in 1988. (7)
- Dundee scrum-half who made four appearances for Scotland in 1992. (5)
- Flanker who played for and against Scotland 1947-50. (6)
- First half of Thompson, the England scrum-half -v- Scotland in 1947 . . . a double rugby and cricket blue. (6)
- Maul certain to give stomach pain! (5)
- Lions coach in New Zealand, 1983. (6)
- Boroughmuir centre whose father got 12 caps for New Zealand 1957-60. (6)
- Obstructed on the field . . . or on the chess board? (7)
- Recent French coach. (6)
- Lions captain in 1959. (6)
- Irish flanker of the current season. (5)
- 32 times capped English centre who played for Leicester in three consecutive John Player Cup final wins. (5)

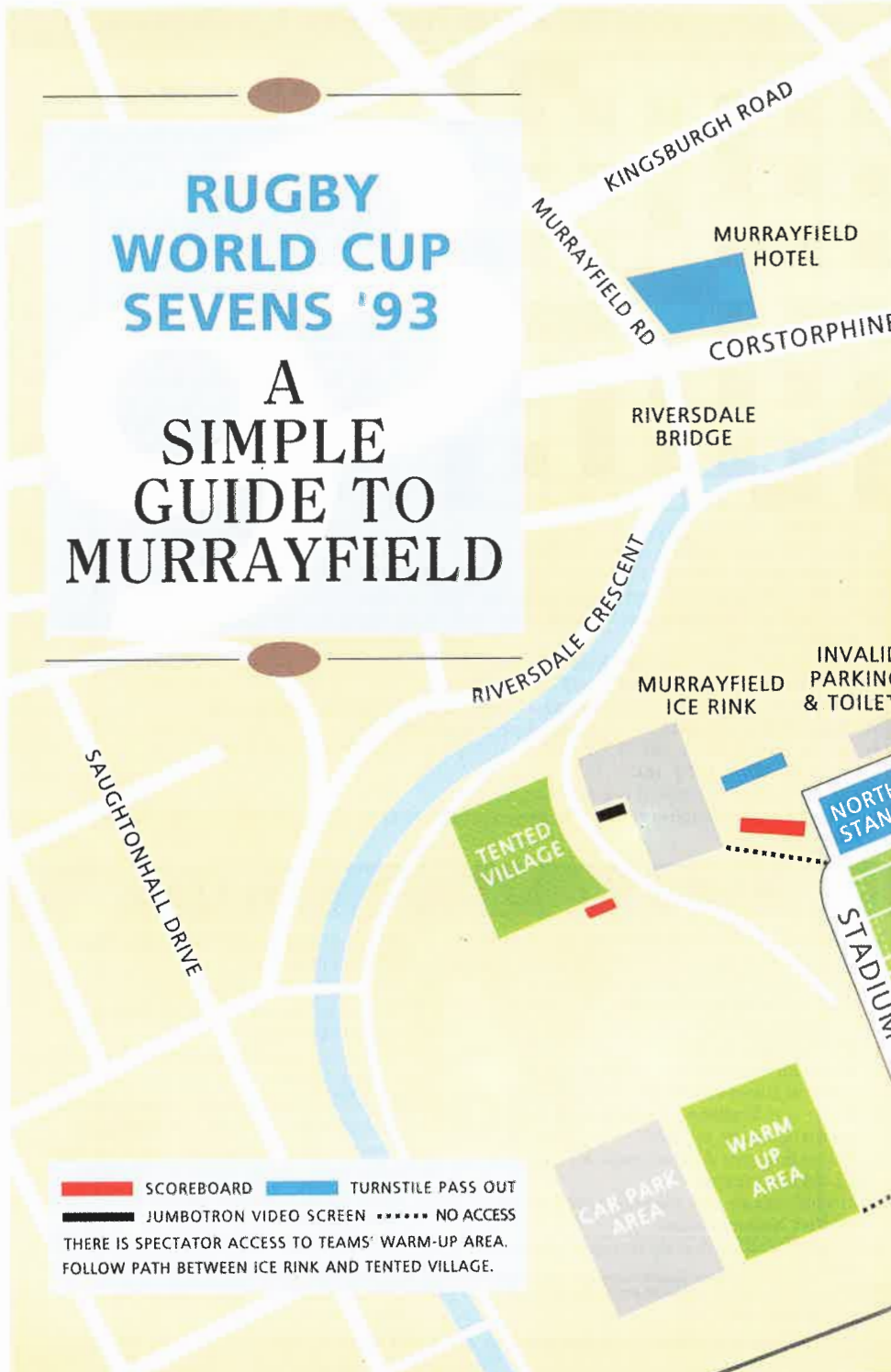
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



- In which year did the Hong Kong Sevens start?
- What name is given to the annual sevens played for by Wales' senior clubs?
- Who did England beat in the 1973 SRU Centenary Sevens?
- Who perform the 'cibi'?
- Which international side plays its home games at Buckhurst Park?
- Where was Scotland's home ground for internationals up to 1925?
- Whose final two internationals were against his old team mates?
- In which season was the only quintuple tie in the Five Nations Series?
- Which French club plays its home games at Stade Colombes?
- Who is the only Englishman to be sent off in an international?
- Which first-class side has a white Maltese cross on its jersey?
- Who play at Blundellsands?
- Who were the last pair of brothers to play together for Wales?
- Who is the last Welshman to captain a Lions touring party?
- How many points would a side have scored in 1970 with a goal, try and drop goal?
- Which team is nicknamed 'The Blue Bulls'?
- What name did the rebel team of New Zealand players adopt on the 1986 tour to South Africa?
- Who were based at 'The Esplanade Hotel'?
- Who refereed the 1991 World Cup final?
- What is Ireland's equivalent of the Barbarians?

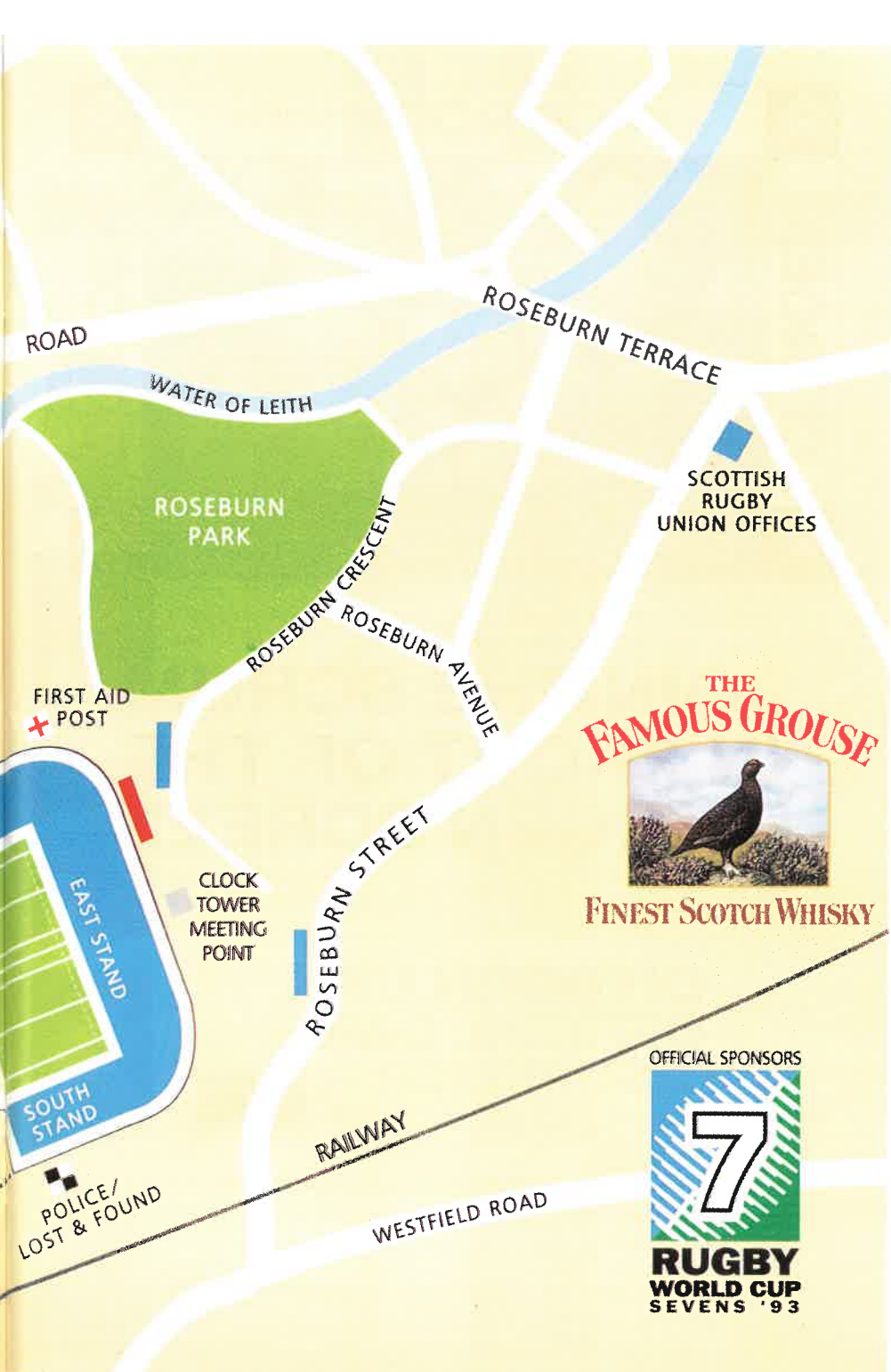
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SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **J. D. GARTH**
Club: Wanderers
Age: 28
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 14st 4lbs (91Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **D. W. McBRIDE**
Club: Malone
Age: 28
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 13st 9lbs (87Kg)
Caps: 12



No. 3
Name: **P. S. JOHNS**
Club: Dungannon
Age: 25
Height: 6' 6" (1.98m)
Weight: 16st 7lbs (105Kg)
Caps: Eight



No. 4
Name: **V. J. G. CUNNINGHAM**
Club: St. Mary's College
Age: 26
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 14st 10lbs (94Kg)
Caps: 14



No. 5
Name: **A. C. ROLLAND**
Club: Blackrock
Age: 26
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 11st 8lbs (74Kg)
Caps: One



No. 6
Name: **E. P. ELWOOD**
Club: Lansdowne
Age: 24
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 13st 2lbs (84Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 7
Name: **R. M. WALLACE**
Club: Garryowen
Age: 25
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 0lbs (83Kg)
Caps: Ten



No. 8
Name: **B. T. GLENNON**
Club: Lansdowne
Age: 25
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 13st 0lbs (83Kg)
Caps: One



No. 9
Name: **W. MULCAHY**
Club: Skerries
Age: 28
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 13st 13lbs (89Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 10
Name: **M. J. GALWEY**
Club: Shannon
Age: 26
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 16st 13lbs (108Kg)
Caps: 13

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JAPAN

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **S. LATU**
Club: Sanyo
Age: 27
Height: 6' 0½" (1.84m)
Weight: 15st 5lbs (98Kg)
Caps: 19



No. 2
Name: **Y. MOTOKI**
Club: Meiji University
Age: 21
Height: 5' 9½" (1.76m)
Weight: 13st 2lbs (84Kg)
Caps: Four



No. 3
Name: **H. OUCHI**
Club: Ryukoko University
Age: 26
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 14st 4lbs (91Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 4
Name: **S. ONO**
Club: Toshiba Fuchu
Age: 24
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 15st 11lbs (96Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 5
Name: **T. ITO**
Club: Hosei University
Age: 22
Height: 5' 11½" (1.82m)
Weight: 13st 2lbs (84Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6
Name: **P. NAWALU**
Club: Hino Motors
Age: 34
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 7
Name: **Y. NAGATOMO**
Club: Suntory
Age: 22
Height: 5' 4½" (1.64m)
Weight: 10st 0lbs (64Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: **H. KATO**
Club: Kobe Steel
Age: 25
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 11lbs (77Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: **Y. YOSHIDA**
Club: Isetan
Age: 24
Height: 5' 6" (1.68m)
Weight: 10st 7lbs (67Kg)
Caps: 17



No. 10
Name: **T. MATSUDA**
Club: Toshiba Fuchu
Age: 22
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: One



FIJI

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **M. N. RASARI**
Club: Nabua
Age: 30
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 15st 10lbs (100Kg)
Caps: Ten



No. 6
Name: **S. RABAKA**
Club: Nabua
Age: 24
Height: 5' 1" (1.52m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps:



No. 2
Name: **V. K. RAULUNI**
Club: Nabua
Age: 27
Height: 5' 8" (1.73m)
Weight: 12st 9lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Seven



No. 7
Name: **V. L. RAULUNI**
Club: Nabua
Age: 30
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 10lbs (81Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **S. VONOLAGI**
Club: Nabua
Age: 27
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps:



No. 8
Name: **E. NADURA**
Club: Nabua
Age: 24
Height: 6' 3" (1.91m)
Weight: 14st 10lbs (94Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 4
Name: **F. T. SERU**
Club: Nabua
Age: 23
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 12st 5lbs (79Kg)
Caps: Seven



No. 9
Name: **J. VUETIVERATA**
Club: Kasavu
Age: 29
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 11st 8lbs (74Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 5
Name: **W. T. SEREVI**
Club: Nabua
Age: 24
Height: 5' 4" (1.63m)
Weight: 11st 11lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Ten



No. 10
Name: **P. WAKI**
Club: Cavaliers
Age: 26
Height: 5' 10" (1.77m)
Weight: 13st 9lbs (87Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



LATVIA

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **V. NIKONOV**
Club: RAF Latvija
Age: 33
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 14st 13lbs (95Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **N. PETJUNINS**
Club: RAF Latvija
Age: 27
Height: 6' 1½" (1.86m)
Weight: 13st 11lbs (88Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **A. KARAULOVS**
Club: Rigas Miestnieks
Age: 22
Height: 6' 5" (1.96m)
Weight: 15st 5lbs (98Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 4
Name: **P. IVANOV**
Club: Dambis
Age: 28
Height: 5' 8" (1.73m)
Weight: 11st 8lbs (74Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 5
Name: **A. VISNEVSKIS**
Club: Rigas Miestnieks
Age: 28
Height: 5' 11½" (1.81m)
Weight: 12st 10lbs (81Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6
Name: **D. ZAVADSKIS**
Club: RAF Latvija
Age: 24
Height: 5' 11½" (1.82m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 7
Name: **V. SNETKOV**
Club: RAF Latvija
Age: 23
Height: 5' 9½" (1.76m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: **V. STEPANOV**
Club: RAF Latvija
Age: 31
Height: 5' 11½" (1.82m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: **L. ERENPREISS**
Club: Rigas Miestnieks
Age: 24
Height: 5' 10½" (1.79m)
Weight: 12st 9lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 10
Name: **K. VEKSA**
Club: RAF Latvija
Age: 27
Height: 5' 8" (1.73m)
Weight: 11st 4lbs (72Kg)
Caps: Uncapped

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No. 7
Name: **S. DAVIES**
Club: Swansea
Age: 25
Height: 5' 11" (1.82m)
Weight: 11st 10lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 4
Name: **R. HOWLEY**
Club: Bridgend
Age: 22
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: **W. T. PROCTOR**
Club: Llanelli
Age: 20
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 12st 2lbs (77Kg)
Caps: Three



No. 1
Name: **E. W. LEWIS**
Club: Llanelli
Age: 24
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 16st 0lbs (102Kg)
Caps: 14



No. 6
Name: **N. R. JENKINS**
Club: Pontypridd
Age: 21
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: 11



No. 10
Name: **M. D. C. THOMAS**
Club: Rosslyn Park
Age: 28
Height: 6' 3" (1.92m)
Weight: 15st 2lbs (98Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **A. WILLIAMS**
Club: Maesteg
Age: 22
Height: 6' 4½" (1.94m)
Weight: 14st 4lbs (91Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **M. A. PEREGO**
Club: Llanelli
Age: 29
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 14st 7lbs (92Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 9
Name: **R. H. St. J. B. MOON**
Club: Llanelli
Age: 28
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps: One



No. 5
Name: **D. A. WILLIAMS**
Club: Swansea
Age: 29
Height: 5' 5" (1.65m)
Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)
Caps: One



SOUTH AFRICA

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **J. P. CLAASSENS**
Club: Northern Transvaal
Age: 23
Height: 6' 3" (1.90m)
Weight: 15st 3lbs (97Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6
Name: **J. H. VAN DER WESTHUIZEN**
Club: Northern Transvaal
Age: 22
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 13st 0lbs (83Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **D. H. KRIESE**
Club: Natal
Age: 22
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 15st 11lbs (96Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 7
Name: **C. M. WILLIAMS**
Club: Western Province
Age: 22
Height: 5' 8½" (1.74m)
Weight: 12st 5lbs (79Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **R. KRUGER**
Club: OFS
Age: 23
Height: 6' 3" (1.90m)
Weight: 15st 4lbs (97Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: **A. J. JOUBERT**
Club: Natal
Age: 29
Height: 6' 1" (1.87m)
Weight: 13st 13lbs (89Kg)
Caps: One



No. 4
Name: **D. O'CUINNEAGAIN**
Club: Western Province
Age: 20
Height: 6' 3" (1.90m)
Weight: 14st 10lbs (94Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: **J. OLIVIER**
Club: Northern Transvaal
Age: 25
Height: 5' 11" (1.90m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (86Kg)
Caps: Three



No. 5
Name: **D. J. MUIR**
Club: Natal
Age: 28
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 13st 2lbs (84Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 10
Name: **C. BADENHURST**
Club: OFS
Age: 28
Height: 5' 8" (1.72m)
Weight: 11st 11lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Uncapped

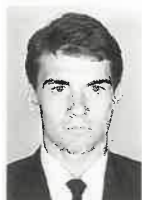


ROMANIA

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **C. DRAGUCEANU**
Club: Steaua
Age: 26
Height: 6' 2½" (1.90m)
Weight: 15st 10lbs (100Kg)
Caps: 13



No. 2
Name: **B. SERBAN**
Club: Steaua
Age: 25
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Seven



No. 3
Name: **N. MARIN**
Club: Farul
Age: 26
Height: 6' 6" (1.97m)
Weight: 15st 10lbs (100Kg)
Caps: Four



No. 4
Name: **D. NEAGA**
Club: Dinamo
Age: 27
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 11st 11lbs (75Kg)
Caps: 28



No. 5
Name: **S. GURANESCU**
Club: Dinamo
Age: 21
Height: 5' 11½" (1.82m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6
Name: **A. MITOCARU**
Club: Timisoara
Age: 24
Height: 5' 10½" (1.79m)
Weight: 12st 7lbs (79Kg)
Caps: Three



No. 7
Name: **C. SASU**
Club: Farul
Age: 25
Height: 6' 1½" (1.87m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: Ten



No. 8
Name: **S. TOFAN**
Club: Dinamo
Age: 28
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: 27



No. 9
Name: **V. UDROIU**
Club: Grivita
Age: 25
Height: 5' 10" (1.77m)
Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 10
Name: **A. GURANESCU**
Club: Dinamo
Age: 26
Height: 6' 2½" (1.90m)
Weight: 15st 3lbs (97Kg)
Caps: Five

Tournament Format

The Tournament will commence with the teams in each pool playing against each other in their respective pool.

All pool matches carry three points for a win, two points for a draw, one point for a loss and nought points if the team concerned does not agree to play or abandons the match. If teams at the conclusion of the Pools' stage of the Tournament are level on match points, then the winner shall be:

- (a) the winner of the match in which the tied teams played, but if no winner can yet be declared
- (b) the team which has scored the most tries in the particular pool match; and then failing this
- (c) the team which has scored the most tries in all pool matches, and in the event of the teams concerned having scored an equal number of tries
- (d) the team which has scored the 'greater' number of points in all its pool matches and if the tie still remains unresolved
- (e) the total points scored by each team in all the pool matches it played shall be divided by the total points scored against it by each team in the foregoing matches and the team with the higher quotient, shall be the winner and if the tie still remains unresolved
- (f) the team which has had the least number of players ordered from the field at that stage shall be declared the winner and if after this exhaustive process no winner emerges

- (g) the winner shall be settled by the toss of coin between the Managers concerned

No extra time to determine the winner will be played in pool matches.

On completion of the pool matches, there will be three knockout competitions, the principal competition will be played for the Melrose Cup, the second competition will be played for the RWC Plate and the third competition will be played for the RWC Bowl.

The top two teams in each pool will go forward into the quarter-final pools, E and F of the Melrose Cup.

The third placed team in each pool will go forward into the knockout semi-finals of the RWC Plate.

The fourth placed team in each pool will go forward into the knockout semi-finals of the RWC Bowl.

The fifth and sixth teams will be eliminated from the Tournament.

MELROSE CUP

Composition of the Quarter-Finals Pools

The composition of the two quarter-final pools, E and F will be as follows:

- (a) The winners of pool A, B, C and D will be ranked 1 to 4 by taking into consideration within each of the pools they played in:
 - (i) their total of match points and if teams are level;
 - (ii) their total of tries scored and if teams are level;
 - (iii) clauses (d) through (g) will apply.

- (b) The runners-up of pools A, B, C and D will be ranked 5 to 8 by applying the same rules as for (a) above.

Allocation to Pools E and F

The allocation of the above eight teams between pools E and F will be as follows:

POOL E	POOL F
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

The winner and runner-up of each pool E and F, i.e., four teams will go forward to the knockout semi-finals and will then play for the final of the Melrose Cup.

RWC PLATE

Composition of Semi-Finals

The composition of the two RWC Plate semi-finals will be as follows:

- (a) the four teams which placed third in each of the pools A, B, C and D will be ranked 9 to 12 by using the same criteria as above.

Allocation to Semi-Finals

9 -v- 12 and 10 -v- 11.

RWC BOWL

Composition of Semi-Finals

The composition of the two RWC Bowl semi-finals will be as follows:

- (a) the four teams which placed fourth in each of the pools A, B, C and D will be ranked 13 to 16 by using the same criteria as above.

Allocation to Semi-Finals

13 -v- 16 and 14 -v- 15.



THE DRAW

Friday, 16th April 1993

MATCH NO.	TIME	POOL	MATCH	RESULT
1	10.00 am	A	Fiji -v- Latvia -
2	10.17 am		South Africa -v- Japan -
3	10.34 am		Wales -v- Romania -
4	10.51 am	B	New Zealand -v- Netherlands -
5	11.08 am		France -v- USA -
6	11.25 am		Ireland -v- Korea -
7	11.42 am	A	Fiji -v- Japan -
8	11.59 am		Latvia -v- Romania -
9	12.16 pm		South Africa -v- Wales -
10	12.33 pm	B	New Zealand -v- USA -
11	12.50 pm		Netherlands -v- Korea -
12	13.07 pm		France -v- Ireland -
13	13.24 pm	A	Fiji -v- Romania -
14	13.41 pm		Japan -v- Wales -
15	13.58 pm		Latvia -v- South Africa -
16	14.15 pm	C	Australia -v- Taiwan -
17	14.32 pm		Scotland -v- Tonga -
18	14.49 pm		Argentina -v- Italy -
19	15.06 pm	D	England -v- Hong Kong -
20	15.23 pm		Western Samoa -v- Spain -
21	15.40 pm		Canada -v- Namibia -
22	15.57 pm	C	Australia -v- Tonga -
23	16.14 pm		Taiwan -v- Italy -
24	16.31 pm		Scotland -v- Argentina -
25	16.48 pm	D	England -v- Spain -
26	17.05 pm		Hong Kong -v- Namibia -
27	17.22 pm		Western Samoa -v- Canada -
28	17.39 pm	C	Australia -v- Italy -
29	17.56 pm		Tonga -v- Argentina -
30	18.13 pm		Taiwan -v- Scotland -

THE DRAW

Saturday, 17th April 1993

MATCH NO.	TIME	POOL	MATCH	RESULT
31	10.00 am	D	England -v- Namibia -
32	10.17 am		Spain -v- Canada -
33	10.34 am		Hong Kong -v- Western Samoa -
34	10.51 am	C	Australia -v- Argentina -
35	11.08 am		Italy -v- Scotland -
36	11.25 am		Tonga -v- Taiwan -
37	11.42 am	D	England -v- Canada -
38	11.59 am		Namibia -v- Western Samoa -
39	12.16 pm		Spain -v- Hong Kong -
40	12.33 pm	C	Australia -v- Scotland -
41	12.50 pm		Argentina -v- Taiwan -
42	13.07 pm		Italy -v- Tonga -
43	13.24 pm	D	England -v- Western Samoa -
44	13.41 pm		Canada -v- Hong Kong -
45	13.58 pm		Namibia -v- Spain -
46	14.15 pm	B	New Zealand -v- Korea -
47	14.32 pm		USA -v- Ireland -
48	14.49 pm		Netherlands -v- France -
49	15.06 pm	A	Fiji -v- Wales -
50	15.23 pm		Romania -v- South Africa -
51	15.40 pm		Japan -v- Latvia -
52	15.57 pm	B	New Zealand -v- Ireland -
53	16.14 pm		Korea -v- France -
54	16.31 pm		USA -v- Netherlands -
55	16.48 pm	A	Fiji -v- South Africa -
56	17.05 pm		Wales -v- Latvia -
57	17.22 pm		Romania -v- Japan -
58	17.39 pm	B	New Zealand -v- France -
59	17.56 pm		Ireland -v- Netherlands -
60	18.13 pm		Korea -v- USA -

FORMAT FOR THE FINALS

POOL A	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POS
FIJI								
JAPAN								
LATVIA								
ROMANIA								
SOUTH AFRICA								
WALES								
POOL B	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POS
FRANCE								
IRELAND								
KOREA								
NETHERLANDS								
NEW ZEALAND								
USA								
POOL C	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POS
ARGENTINA								
AUSTRALIA								
ITALY								
SCOTLAND								
TAIWAN								
TONGA								
POOL D	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POS
CANADA								
ENGLAND								
HONG KONG								
NAMIBIA								
SPAIN								
WESTERN SAMOA								

FINALS DAY

Sunday, 18th April 1993

MELROSE CUP QUARTER-FINALS POOL

MATCH NO.	TIME	POOL	MATCH	RESULT
61	10.00 am	E	..... (1) -v- (4) -
62	10.17 am		..... (2) -v- (3) -
63	10.34 am	F	..... (1) -v- (4) -
64	10.51 am		..... (2) -v- (3) -
65	11.08 am	E	..... (1) -v- (3) -
66	11.25 am		..... (2) -v- (4) -
67	11.42 am	F	..... (1) -v- (3) -
68	11.59 am		..... (2) -v- (4) -
69	12.16 pm	E	..... (1) -v- (2) -
70	12.33 pm		..... (3) -v- (4) -
71	12.50 pm	F	..... (1) -v- (2) -
72	13.07 pm		..... (3) -v- (4) -

RWC BOWL SEMI-FINALS

MATCH NO.	TIME	MATCH	RESULT
73	13.24 pm	..... -v- -
74	13.41 pm	..... -v- -

RWC PLATE SEMI-FINALS

MATCH NO.	TIME	MATCH	RESULT
75	13.58 pm	..... -v- -
76	14.15 pm	..... -v- -

MELROSE CUP SEMI-FINALS

MATCH NO.	TIME	MATCH	RESULT
77	14.32 pm	..... -v- -
78	14.49 pm	..... -v- -

RWC BOWL FINAL

MATCH NO.	TIME	MATCH	RESULT
79	15.06 pm	..... -v- -

RWC PLATE FINAL

MATCH NO.	TIME	MATCH	RESULT
80	15.41 pm	..... -v- -

MELROSE CUP FINAL

MATCH NO.	TIME	MATCH	RESULT
81	16.16 pm	..... -v- -



ARGENTINA

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **L. ARBÍZU**
Club: Belgrano A.C.
Age: 21
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 5lbs (79Kg)
Caps: 13



No. 2
Name: **P. P. BARALDI**
Club: Jockey Club De Rosario
Age: 27
Height: 6' 2½" (1.90m)
Weight: 14st 6lbs (92Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **G. F. CAMARDÓN**
Club: Asociación Alumno
Age: 22
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)
Caps: Ten



No. 4
Name: **F. DEL CASTILLO**
Club: Jockey Club De Rosario
Age: 22
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 12st 1lb (77Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 5
Name: **G. GARCIA-ORSETTI**
Club: Duendes R.C.
Age: 23
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 14st 8lbs (93Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 6
Name: **H. M. GARCIA SIMON**
Club: Pueyrredón
Age: 28
Height: 6' 1½" (1.87m)
Weight: 13st 11lbs (88Kg)
Caps: Seven



No. 7
Name: **G. M. JORGE**
Club: Pucará
Age: 21
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 10lbs (81Kg)
Caps: Eight



No. 8
Name: **S. E. MESÓN**
Club: Tucumán R.C.
Age: 25
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 11lbs (88Kg)
Caps: 12



No. 9
Name: **M. J. TERÁN-NOUGUES**
Club: Tucumán R.C.
Age: 23
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 11st 4lbs (72Kg)
Caps: Nine



No. 10
Name: **C. E. VIEL**
Club: Newman
Age: 25
Height: 6' 2½" (1.90m)
Weight: 15st 7lbs (99Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



ITALY

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1

Name: **M. AMORE**
Club: Amatori Catania
Age: 21
Height: 5' 9½" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2

Name: **S. BARBA**
Club: Amatori Milano
Age: 29
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 11st 13lbs (76Kg)
Caps: 33



No. 4

Name: **M. CUTTITTA**
Club: Amatori Milano
Age: 26
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: 29



No. 5

Name: **D. DOMINGUEZ**
Club: Amatori Milano
Age: 26
Height: 5' 8½" (1.75m)
Weight: 11st 8lbs (73Kg)
Caps: 15



No. 6

Name: **I. FRANCESCATO**
Club: A.S. Benetton Treviso
Age: 26
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: 11



No. 7

Name: **N. GUILIATO**
Club: A.S. Benetton Treviso
Age: 24
Height: 5' 11½" (1.82m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8

Name: **J. PERTILE**
Club: Rugby Casale
Age: 25
Height: 6' 1½" (1.86m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9

Name: **F. PIETROSANTI**
Club: Scavolini L'Aquila
Age: 29
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: 20



No. 10

Name: **P. VACCARI**
Club: Calvisano Rugby
Age: 22
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps: 11



AUSTRALIA

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **I. TABUA**
Club: Brothers
Age: 27
Height: 6' 5" (1.96m)
Weight: 16st 4lbs (104Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **M. BURKE**
Club: Eastwood
Age: 20
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 14st 4lbs (91Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **V. OFAHENGAUE**
Club: Manly
Age: 24
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 16st 7lbs (105Kg)
Caps: 17



No. 4
Name: **S. H. S. TAUPEAAFE**
Club: Manly
Age: 20
Height: 5' 10" (1.76m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 5
Name: **J. FENWICKE**
Club: Sydney University
Age: 27
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 15st 7lbs (99Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6
Name: **G. LODGE**
Club: Eastern Suburbs
Age: 24
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 11st 8lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 7
Name: **J. A. FLETT**
Club: Randwick
Age: 29
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps: Four



No. 8
Name: **R. CONSTABLE**
Club: Noosa
Age: 21
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: **D. I. CAMPESE**
Club: Randwick
Age: 30
Height: 5' 9½" (1.77m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)
Caps: 72



No. 10
Name: **M. P. LYNAGH**
Club: Queensland University
Age: 29
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: 60

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SCOTLAND

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 8
Name: **C. HOGG**
Club: Melrose
Age: 23
Height: 6' 4" (1.92m)
Weight: 15st 7lbs (99Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 6
Name: **G. P. J. TOWNSEND**
Club: Gala
Age: 19
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 7lbs (79Kg)
Caps: One



No. 2
Name: **I. CORCORAN**
Club: Gala
Age: 29
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 12st 10lbs (81Kg)
Caps: One



No. 7
Name: **J. A. KERR**
Club: Haddington
Age: 27
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 14st 0lbs (89Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 1
Name: **G. W. WEIR**
Club: Melrose
Age: 22
Height: 6' 6" (1.98m)
Weight: 15st 6lbs (98Kg)
Caps: 18



No. 3
Name: **D. TURNBULL**
Club: Hawick
Age: 31
Height: 6' 4" (1.92m)
Weight: 15st 6lbs (98Kg)
Caps: 14



No. 4
Name: **D. B. MILLARD**
Club: London Scottish
Age: 28
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: **A. D. NICOL**
Club: Dundee H.S.F.P.
Age: 22
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 4lbs (84Kg)
Caps: Six



No. 5
Name: **M. E. APPLESON**
Club: London Scottish
Age: 25
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 13st 2lbs (84Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 10
Name: **M. MONCRIEFF**
Club: Gala
Age: 24
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 11st 9lbs (74Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



TONGA

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **E. VUNIPOLA**
Club: Toa Ko Ma'afu
Age: 20
Height: 5' 6½" (1.69m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: Nine



No. 2
Name: **F. MAHONI**
Club: Fasi Ma'ufanga
Age: 20
Height: 6' 2½" (1.89m)
Weight: 15st 7lbs (99Kg)
Caps: Four



No. 3
Name: **M. VUNIPOLA**
Club: Toa Ko Ma'afu
Age: 27
Height: 5' 8" (1.73m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Seven



No. 5
Name: **I. FATANI**
Club: Toa Ko Ma'afu
Age: 25
Height: 6' 4½" (1.94m)
Weight: 15st 1lb (96Kg)
Caps: Four



No. 6
Name: **T. LOTO'AHEA**
Club: Police R.C.
Age: 29
Height: 6' 4½" (1.95m)
Weight: 14st 6lbs (92Kg)
Caps: Five



No. 7
Name: **I. TU'IVAI**
Club: Kolofo'ou
Age: 22
Height: 5' 11½" (1.81m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: **W. WOLFGRAMM**
Club: Kolofo'ou
Age: 22
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 10lbs (81Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: **S. LOLO**
Club: Kolomotu'a
Age: 22
Height: 6' 1½" (1.86m)
Weight: 15st 5lbs (98Kg)
Caps: One



No. 10
Name: **F. MA'AFU**
Club: Kolouai R.C.
Age: 24
Height:
Weight:
Caps: Four



TAIWAN

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **C-S. LIN**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 32
Height: 5' 7½" (1.72m)
Weight: 14st 13lbs (95Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **G-J. JUANG**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 28
Height: 5' 9½" (1.76m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **C-S. WENG**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 29
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 4
Name: **P-Y. LIU**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 34
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 8lbs (80Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 5
Name: **C-M. TSENG**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 26
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 11st 13lbs (76Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6
Name: **C-L. KAO**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 27
Height: 6' 1½" (1.86m)
Weight: 14st 6lbs (92Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 7
Name: **K-C. HWANG**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 27
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 10st 3lbs (65Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: **W-N. LEE**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 27
Height: 5' 10½" (1.79m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: **T-C. WU**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 22
Height: 5' 9½" (1.77m)
Weight: 12st 10lbs (81Kg)
Caps: Uncapped

No. 10
Name: **C-A. HWANG**
Club: Taiwan
Age: 27
Height: 5' 6" (1.68m)
Weight: 10st 9lbs (68Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



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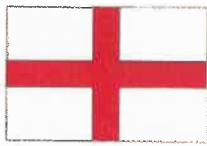
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ENGLAND

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: J. P. S. CASSELL
Club: Saracens
Age: 25
Height: 6' 3" (1.91m)
Weight: 15st 11lbs (96Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: L. DALLAGLIO
Club: Wasps
Age: 20
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 15st 10lbs (100Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 4
Name: T. A. K. RODBER
Club: Northampton
Age: 23
Height: 6' 6" (1.98m)
Weight: 17st 9lbs (112Kg)
Caps: Two



No. 5
Name: C. M. A. SHEASBY
Club: Harlequins
Age: 26
Height: 6' 3" (1.91m)
Weight: 16st 0lbs (102Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 6
Name: A. A. ADEBAYO
Club: Bath
Age: 22
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 14st 5lbs (91Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 7
Name: N. D. BEAL
Club: Northampton
Age: 22
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 13st 8lbs (86Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 8
Name: M. J. S. DAWSON
Club: Northampton
Age: 20
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 9
Name: A. T. HARRIMAN
Club: Harlequins
Age: 28
Height: 6' 1½" (1.86m)
Weight: 13st 0lbs (83Kg)
Caps: One



No. 3
Name: D. P. HOPLEY
Club: Wasps
Age: 23
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 15st 0lbs (95Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 10
Name: D. SCULLY
Club: Wakefield
Age: 27
Height: 5' 8" (1.73m)
Weight: 12st 6lbs (79Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



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SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **D. KALEOPA**
Club: Moataa
Age: 27
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 15st 5lbs (98Kg)
Caps:



No. 2
Name: **A. VAISUAI**
Club: Moataa
Age: 29
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 2lbs (84Kg)
Caps:



No. 3
Name: **S. VAIFALE**
Club: Marist St. Joseph
Age: 25
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 14st 13lbs (95Kg)
Caps:



No. 4
Name: **A. IEREMIA**
Club: Scopa
Age: 23
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 15st 3lbs (97Kg)
Caps:



No. 5
Name: **R. FAAMAUSILI**
Club: Moataa
Age: 29
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 16st 2lbs (103Kg)
Caps:



No. 6
Name: **J. TONUU**
Club: Apia
Age: 23
Height: 5' 7½" (1.71m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps:

No. 7
Name: **V. TO'O**
Club: Moataa
Age: 27
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 6lbs (85Kg)
Caps:



No. 8
Name: **A. AIOLUPO**
Club: Moataa
Age: 30
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps:



No. 9
Name: **B. LIMA**
Club: Marist St. Joseph
Age: 21
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)
Caps:



No. 10
Name: **V. PATU**
Club: Vaiala
Age: 25
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 13st 9lbs (87Kg)
Caps:



CANADA

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **A. CHARRON**
Club: Ottawa Irish
Age: 26
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 16st 6lbs (104Kg)
Caps: Nine



No. 2
Name: **S. MACKINNON**
Club: Ex-Britannia Lions
Age: 27
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 13st 11lbs (88Kg)
Caps:



No. 3
Name: **J. LOVEDAY**
Club: Calgary Irish
Age: 30
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 12st 5lbs (79Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 4
Name: **J. GRAF**
Club: U.B.C. Old Boys
Age: 24
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: Seven



No. 5
Name: **G. MACKINNON**
Club: Ex-Britannia Lions
Age: 34
Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)
Weight: 14st 9lbs (93Kg)
Caps: 15



No. 6
Name: **B. EBL**
Club: Kats
Age: 23
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 11st 7lbs (73Kg)
Caps:



No. 7
Name: **D. LOUGHEED**
Club: Toronto Welsh
Age: 25
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 14st 4lbs (91Kg)
Caps: Five



No. 8
Name: **S. GRAY**
Club: Kats
Age: 29
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: 15



No. 9
Name: **C. TYNAN**
Club: Meralomas
Age: 26
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 12st 5lbs (79Kg)
Caps: 11



No. 10
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Weight: 14st 10lbs (94Kg)

Caps:



No. 6

Name: **H. SNYMAN Jnr**

Club: Wanderers

Age: 31

Height: 5' 9½" (1.76m)

Weight: 12st 10lbs (81Kg)

Caps: 32



No. 2

Name: **J. BARNARD**

Club: Wanderers

Age: 28

Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)

Weight: 14st 10lbs (94Kg)

Caps: 46



No. 7

Name: **G. MANS**

Club: Wanderers

Age: 31

Height: 5' 9½" (1.76m)

Weight: 13st 7lbs (86Kg)

Caps: 117



No. 3

Name: **P. DU PLOOY**

Club: Wanderers

Age: 27

Height: 6' 6" (1.98m)

Weight: 16st 9lbs (106Kg)

Caps: Nine



No. 8

Name: **E. MEYER**

Club: United

Age: 27

Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)

Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)

Caps: 40



No. 4

Name: **A. HUYSAMEN**

Club: Tsumeb

Age: 30

Height: 6' 1" (1.85m)

Weight: 13st 10lbs (87Kg)

Caps: Uncapped



No. 9

Name: **M. MARAIS**

Club: Police

Age: 25

Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)

Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)

Caps: Ten



No. 5

Name: **B. BUITENDAG**

Club: Transnamib

Age: 33

Height: 5' 6" (1.68m)

Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)

Caps: 110



No. 10

Name: **G. BARNARD**

Club: Transnamib

Age: 25

Height: 5' 8½" (1.74m)

Weight: 10st 9lbs (68Kg)

Caps: Uncapped



SPAIN

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **A. MALO**
Club: U.E. Santboiana
Age: 29
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 15st 1lb (96Kg)
Caps: 39



No. 2
Name: **J. GUTIERREZ**
Club: C.D. Arquitectura
Age: 25
Height: 5' 11½" (1.82m)
Weight: 13st 11lbs (88Kg)
Caps: 34



No. 3
Name: **J. EXTEBERRIA**
Club: Getxo R.C.
Age: 31
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps: 16



No. 4
Name: **J. DIAZ**
Club: Getxo R.C.
Age: 33
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 10st 3lbs (65Kg)
Caps: 53



No. 5
Name: **F. PUERTAS**
Club: Bayona
Age: 29
Height: 5' 11" (1.80m)
Weight: 12st 10lbs (81Kg)
Caps: 60



No. 6
Name: **G. RIVERO**
Club: Pauillac
Age: 33
Height: 5' 10½" (1.79m)
Weight: 13st 5lbs (85Kg)
Caps: 43



No. 7
Name: **J. AZKARGORTA**
Club: Getxo R.C.
Age: 29
Height: 5' 8½" (1.74m)
Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)
Caps: 63



No. 8
Name: **J. HERMOSILLA**
Club: Quesos Entrepinares
Age: 23
Height: 6' 0½" (1.84m)
Weight: 12st 12lbs (82Kg)
Caps:



No. 9
Name: **P. GUTIERREZ**
Club: C.D. Arquitectura
Age: 24
Height: 5' 11½" (1.81m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Five



No. 10
Name: **P. CALDERON**
Club: Complutense Cisneros
Age: 25
Height: 5' 9" (1.75m)
Weight: 11st 13lbs (76Kg)
Caps: Four



HONG KONG

SQUAD PEN PICS



No. 1
Name: **S. D. KROHN**
Club: Valley
Age: 30
Height: 6' 2½" (1.90m)
Weight: 16st 0lbs (102Kg)
Caps: 15



No. 6
Name: **P. P. LACAMP**
Club: Hong Kong F.C.
Age: 23
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 12st 3lbs (78Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 2
Name: **D. F. P. BULBECK**
Club: Hong Kong F.C.
Age: 31
Height: 6' 0" (1.83m)
Weight: 14st 4lbs (91Kg)
Caps: 15



No. 7
Name: **A. J. BILLINGTON**
Club: Valley
Age: 24
Height: 6' 3½" (1.92m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 3
Name: **S. T. BURTON**
Club: Tigers
Age: 29
Height: 6' 4" (1.93m)
Weight: 15st 1lb (96Kg)
Caps: Six



No. 8
Name: **I. C. STRANGE**
Club: Royal Hong Kong Police
Age: 30
Height: 5' 10" (1.78m)
Weight: 11st 11lbs (75Kg)
Caps: Five



No. 4
Name: **C. A. PAIN**
Club: Kowloon
Age: 30
Height: 5' 5" (1.65m)
Weight: 11st 0lbs (70Kg)
Caps: 15



No. 9
Name: **S. P. LITSTER**
Club: Valley
Age: 37
Height: 6' 2" (1.88m)
Weight: 14st 2lbs (90Kg)
Caps: Ten



No. 5
Name: **A. H. ADAIR**
Club: Hong Kong F.C.
Age: 26
Height: 5' 7" (1.70m)
Weight: 11st 4lbs (72Kg)
Caps: Uncapped



No. 10
Name: **M. R. THOMAS**
Club: Hong Kong F.C.
Age: 26
Height: 5' 10½" (1.79m)
Weight: 12st 1lb (77Kg)
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BEST LAID SCHEMES GANG AFT A-GLEY

by John Mason
The Daily Telegraph



As Peter Rossborough, England's manager for the Rugby World Cup Sevens, was debating earlier this week which club to use for a tricky approach shot, his concentration wavered for a fraction. In sampling the delights that Edinburgh's golf courses present by divine right Rossborough discovered that par involved a quantum leap back to April, 1973.

Same grand city. Similar invigorating sevens with world-wide appeal. But hugely different attitudes which, though no less competitive, did not quite match the 1993 degree of preparation-time, analysis, planning, basic training yet alone tactical appreciation.

The 1993 tournament is also in every respect three times as big. The difference was so great as to be laughable and suddenly that approach shot of Rossborough's suddenly became more difficult, too. In 1973 there was no time for golf. Preparation comprised one – repeat one – training session.

The story line, basically apes fiction. It was, even so, fact – plain, straight-forward, unadulterated fact and to his lasting pleasure Rossborough, who was England's full-back seven times only, spread over five seasons, was part of it as the mid-field link at outside-half.

On 7th April, 1973, in Scotland's centenary season, a world invitation sevens tournament was held here at

Murrayfield. Scotland, acknowledged experts of the abbreviated form of the game that Ned Haig, the Melrose butcher, introduced originally as a fund-raiser in April, 1883, were gracious hosts to six other International Board countries – and the favourites. It did not work out that way.

Robert Burns (A man's a man for a' that) not only had mice in mind when, between the odd glass and pursuit of the lassies, he scribbled something about *Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie, O What a panic in thy breastie . . . The best laid schemes o' mice an' men, Gang aft a-gley.*

Indeed, they did. England, the team the rest of the world enjoy beating more than any other, came striding through to take the title which for a long time looked as if it would go to Ireland. The score was 18-16 to Ireland in the closing

seconds of the final when Fergus Slattery was held at England's line.

Possession is eleven tenths of the law in sevens and in swooped John Gray for the ball. So, too, is pace. Keith Fielding had just that fraction of room he required. Gray cleverly passed the ball to him as Ireland frantically re-organised. The speeding Fielding accelerated into unguarded spaces before slowing a little as the cover came tearing across so as to draw the tackler in.

Just as the match-saving clattering embrace was about to be made, Fielding banged the pedal down to the floor and he was away to the posts for Gray to convert. Ireland 18, England 22 – and the lead for the first time in the final. The trophy, against considerable odds, was theirs.

Peter Alec Rossborough's



The maestro – Mike Gibson.



Fran Cotton.

version of events 20 years on is modest in the extreme. He explains: "For a start, I didn't expect to be there. Not only was I not in the original squad of nine players, I didn't play in the opening match either, against France.

"We met – not in Scotland – on the Thursday before the event, got into Edinburgh that night and trained the next day. Then it was four matches on the Saturday, the break between our third win in the pool games and the final being very short.

"I'm told the gap was barely 20 minutes, not that I remember that particularly. We were winning and somehow the knocks and the tiredness had no affect – not until much later anyway. I think we all thought Scotland would probably win as they had two sides competing. Quite where New Zealand stood no one could be sure and at that time Australia were not rated.

"The other Scottish side was the President's Seven who were playing in place of South Africa. Andy Irvine was in that second seven and we all wondered why. Scotland had called on all those Border experts but it didn't work out for them.

"Ireland came through that other group, with Vinny Becker, Mike Gibson and Fergus Slattery leading the way – I think. Somehow we were so wrapped up in our own game that there was hardly time to notice the opposition until you

got on the field.

"The final was close but England probably played our best rugby in the pool win over Wales. They had a marvellous team – Gareth Edwards, Barry John, Gerald Davies, J. P. R. – but made the fatal mistake of going for the play-makers and the runners, not the ball-getters.

"That terrific seven lost because they couldn't get possession. J. P. R. was playing up front and much as he enjoyed the contact stuff, he wasn't a ball winner against the likes of Fran Cotton, Andy Ripley and Johnny Gray.

"I'd taken over from Geoff Evans, my Coventry colleague, who had some muscle problems. Geoff and muscle strains had a habit of going hand in hand, so I was called up. Even then I expected to be a reserve because the other backs were Steve Smith, David Duckham, Peter Preece and Keith Fielding. Keith, I think, was the fastest man I've ever seen in this form of the game.

"David was injured in the opening match against France and I put my track-suit away and, Peter having moved into the centre, I played behind Steve for the rest of the tournament – the President's Seven, Wales and Ireland. We went through unchanged after

that, the only person who didn't get a game being a certain Roger Urtley.

"England were a Loughborough-Coventry unit with the exception of Andy, an incredible competitor, light-hearted and serious all at the same time, Smithy, Fran, Keith and Johnny were the Loughborough lot while Peter, David and I were the Coventry arm – as, of course, were maestri Cotton and J. Gray.

"Roundabout that time I seemed to have spent a lot of my career battling against concussion and injuries – and later on, a road accident. Playing at Murrayfield that afternoon was a highlight then and still is now.

"As a headmaster, I'm not one to dwell on the past. Equally I'm convinced that the challenges that exist nowadays present aspiring, ambitious players with a need for excellence that in my day was not so pronounced nor the competition so stiff.

"In England the emphasis is on 15-a-sides. That by far is the proper game and I wouldn't want to be party to anything else. Sevens, though, do have an honourable place in the overall structure and I, for one, am delighted to be back 20 years on for this exciting, demanding form of the game."



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Fiji (seeded 1)

No one really knows for certain the number of sevens tournaments played in the Fijian Archipelago. It could be fifty, a hundred or even more. In Fiji, sevens is not a game, it is a way of life. The Fijian Union has tried to introduce some order in this maddening whirl of sevens activity and has short-listed 17 tournaments starting with Nacavandi – organised by a club from Lomeviti Island in Suva, in October, and ending with NBF Sevens in March.

The oldest and the biggest is Maarist Sevens in Suva at the end of January with 76 entries. It was launched in 1977 in the wake of the first Hong Kong Sevens, before the sevens fever had engulfed Fiji.

Each province has on its territory two or three big sevens tournaments: Saunaka and Nawaka in Nandi, Vudo and Batiri in Lautoka, Nasinu and Nukelo in Reva, Warwick in Nadroga, etc. Naturally, Suva take the 'lion's share' with nine tournaments, including the newly launched Suva international sevens. Nausori sevens had to be cancelled this year after a cyclone had hit Fiji the week before.

The standard achieved by sevens in Fiji is demonstrated by the success of the Fijian Provincial sevens teams in the Suva tournament (three out of four reached the semi-finals), at the expense of seasoned opposition from the likes of Australia, Canada, Scotland, Western Samoa Development and New Zealand B.

NEW ZEALAND (seeded 2)

Documents suggest that the earliest sevens tournament took place in 1894, which makes New Zealand the first country to adopt the short game since its inception in Scotland in 1883. The sevens game was subsequently 'sighted' in Timaru in 1904, in Christchurch in the early 1920s and in Wellington in the 1930s. However, by and large, sevens failed to fire the imagination of the tough New Zealand farmer besotted with the rough and tumble of the power game.

The presentation of the Middlesex Cup to the NZRU led

to the launch of the first national sevens competition in 1951. The tournament became quite popular in the 1950s and 1960s, but it lost momentum and the cup is now played for in a club tournament in Dunedin.

Captained by Alex 'Grizz' Wyllie, New Zealand made their international sevens debut by spoiling Scotland's carefully planned triumph in the 1973 SRU Centenary Sevens at Murrayfield.

It was not until the mid-Eighties that New Zealand managed to establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the short game. The combined efforts of Kiwi fly-half and sevens guru, Wayne Smith, NZRU coaching director Bill Freeman and sevens coach Bryce Rope led to the birth of the New Zealand sevens style, a hard running, physically demanding game – the foundation of the remarkable string of successes of the mid-Eighties.

AUSTRALIA (seeded 3)

Sevens is played all over Australia, from Grenfell to Penrith and from Adelaide to Darwin. Virtually every town holds its own sevens tournament. However, the domestic scene is dominated by two leading sevens tournaments: Kiama in North South Wales and Redcliffs in Queensland, though the South Australian Sevens in Adelaide, played as a supporting event for a big motor-race, has also acquired a good reputation.

The newly launched Terrigal Sevens has been designed to provide the missing link between club and local level to international standard tournaments in the Canberra, Suva and Hong Kong class.

Canberra Sevens started last year with eight participants. This year the number of entries has been expanded to 12, while next year the organisers hope to have 16 participants. Although Australia has a particularly impressive sevens record – winners in Hong Kong in 1979, 1982, 1983, 1985 and 1988 – its international debut was less than fortuitous. They lost 14-12 to Scotland in the 1973 World Sevens at Murrayfield. Michael Lynagh and David Campese are

keen to revenge the misfortunes of the Wallabies at Murrayfield, twenty years later.

ENGLAND (seeded 4)

England remain the only rugby nation not to have succumbed to the temptation of Hong Kong. The reason was the unexpected and traumatic defeat at the hands of Spain in the New South Wales Sevens in 1986. However, on the strength of their admirable performance at Murrayfield in 1973 England are still the unofficial World Champions. Captain Fran Cotton and his men Andy Ripley, Keith Fielding, Peter Rossborough, Steve Smith, Peter Preece, John Gray and David Duckham made history when they won 22-18 in the final of the tournament against a talented and unpredictable Ireland.

Influenced by developments on the Scottish side of the Border, sevens, or 'sports' tournaments, started off in the North of England. The first was North Shields Sevens at Percy Park in 1921, followed by Rockcliffe and Northumberland the following year. Carlisle launched their sevens tournament in 1923 while three years later a Scot, Dr Russell-Cargill convinced Wavell Wakefield to support the idea of a Middlesex Sevens tournament. The Twickenham tournament has always been a big public success.

There are countless sevens tournaments from Harlequins Sevens at the beginning of the season, to Kidney Research Sevens in Manchester and from the biggest schools sevens in the world at Rosslyn Park to the Worthington National Sevens in Bath.

WESTERN SAMOA (seeded 4)

Sevens has been part of the Samoan rugby scene since the 1920s when the Maarist brothers launched the first tournament. Since 1978, when Samoa got invited to Hong Kong, sevens gained steadily in popularity. The club sevens tournaments start in mid-November and the series season climaxes in February with Maarist Sevens in Apia. There is a

Provincial sevens tournament in December and, Savaii and Apia Sub-Union Sevens in January, while in February, before the Maarist Sevens there is the National Sevens, held this year at Tuiasa. During the past few years, as the contingent of New Zealand based Samoans get increasingly involved in national selection the standard of sevens in the country has soared.

In 1979 Samoa reached the final of Hong Kong, but lost 35-0 to Australia. They had to wait another 14 years before they repeated the performance of 1979. This time, they upset the form-book and won the 1993 tournament.

SCOTLAND (seeded 6)

After the birth of the game in Melrose, sevens took Scotland by storm. Gala started off their sevens the following year, followed by Hawick (still now the most successful Border club in sevens), Jedforest and Langholm. After the War, Selkirk, Kelso, Earlston and Peebles followed suit. The Scottish Border circuit is divided into a spring sevens of the originals: Melrose, Gala, Jedforest and an Autumn one, of the newcomers. There are now sevens tournaments in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. In fact every town or city has its own sevens competition, either in the spring or in the autumn. The turning point in the recent history of the game of sevens was the World Centenary Sevens at Murrayfield in 1973 which was the first ever international sevens tournament in history.

FRANCE (seeded 7)

Not unexpectedly France were the first continental nation to 'import' the short game. In 1959, at Stade Charlety, Paris Univeriste Club (PUC) organised the first sevens tournament in the country. The event has had an uneasy existence since. It was re-launched two years later, but its organisers could not find it an optimal place in the crowded French calendar. The second 'resurrection' of PUC Sevens took place in 1974 in front of a record crowd of 12,000, but in spite of the impressive line-up of stars: Benoit Dauga, Jo Maso, Mike Gibson, Andy Irvine, Mournie du Plessis, Graham Mournie and Jean Trillo, the event

failed to 'take off'. This year, the French Federation in association with the French Barbarians Club is launching Bercy Sevens in November/December, the first ever indoor sevens tournament in the world.

France's international debut was an unmitigated disaster against a finely tuned England in the Centenary Sevens at Murrayfield in 1973. However, ten years later the French Barbarians gave a sample of France's potential in the short game and revenged the indignity of that early defeat by winning the centenary Melrose Sevens.

SOUTH AFRICA (seeded 8)

Sevens has been part of the Durban club scene since the Fifties, but in spite of various attempts to give it national significance, the short game failed to inspire the South African infatuation with inches and pounds of the fifteen-a-side game. In 1970 the Orange Free State University became the missionary centre for sevens in South Africa. The first major club tournament was organised in Pretoria in 1973 in the wake of the World Sevens at Murrayfield. The Orange Free State University won every edition until it was abandoned in 1977. The first provincial sevens tournament was launched in Natal in the Eighties but it too ran out of steam after a couple of years. Two years ago Stellenbosch Rugby Club, under the auspices of Western Province Union launched a rejuvenated provincial tournament. The incentive, of course has been the 1993 World Cup. This year the tournament acquired the additional kudos of being used to select South Africa's first ever sevens team, for both the Hong Kong Sevens and the World Cup.

WALES (seeded 9)

Although controversy surrounds the early rugby games, with Great Lempeter, Llandovery and Llandeilo issuing 'paternity' claims, the date of the first sevens tournament in Wales is firmly established. It was 1950 when Old Penarthians staged their sevens tournament. In 1954 Newport launched Snelling Sevens, in an attempt to emulate the successful Middlesex tournament. The first

two tournaments were played at Rodney Parade after which the tournament moved to Swansea and eventually to Cardiff. During the last decade a circuit of medium-sized sevens tournaments has been operating in Wales: Talyawain, Blackwood, Cwmtawe, Aberaeron, Nazareth House and Cardiff HSOB. They vary in strength and number of participants, but none of them has succeeded in matching the popularity of Snelling Sevens, which in the late Sixties was drawing huge crowds, of up to 20,000 to the Arms Park to see the fastest and the fairest in action. London Welsh have been among the most successful clubs in the Middlesex Sevens while the great Loughborough sides of the Sixties have always featured a substantial Welsh contingent. Wales made their international debut in 1973 and they are the only nation to have beaten the nearly invincible New Zealand side of 1986, in the New South Wales Sevens.

IRELAND (seeded 10)

The Irish have the knack of helping us to maintain events within the game in a healthy perspective. That's why the Irish have never taken sevens too seriously. They just go out there and win matches. In the Fifties a nomadic group of sevens groupies, led by Karl Mullen, Tony O'Reilly and Andy Mulligan turned up in Melrose under the Co-optimists flag of convenience. At the time, only Omagh Sevens in Ulster, launched in 1947 and Galwegians Sevens in Galway were still in existence. The ancestor of Irish club sevens, *The Dublin Evening Mail* tournament, launched in 1926, just before the Middlesex Sevens was not resurrected after the war. Nowadays, there is a considerable number of sevens tournaments on both sides of the Irish border, though every Irishman will try to explain that sevens is not quite popular in the country.

In the North, Carrickfergus RFC run a very popular tournament, while the Ulster branch has decided to capitalise on the sevens vogue and launch its own tournament in North Kildare and one in Kinsale. The Munster Branch have also initiated an international sevens tournament in Limerick. However, Old

Belvedere, in Dublin has established itself since its inception in 1971 as the premier event of what increasingly looks like an Irish circuit.

ARGENTINA (seeded 11)

According to existing records the first sevens game in the country was played in July 1921. Eight teams took part in the event organised by the Buenos Aires Football Club. This failed to take off and in 1934 was officially re-launched as the National Club Sevens. Two years later it acquired status and became a regular presence in the Argentina rugby calendar. Nowadays, every provincial union, from Cordoba to Tucuman, and from Mar del Plata to Buenos Aires holds its own sevens tournament.

Two other important sevens tournaments, Olivos and DAOM, are held in Buenos Aires before the National Club Sevens. In 1981, after a promising debut in Hong Kong Sevens, the Argentina Union, at the instigation of the present President Lino Perez, launched the National Provincial Sevens tournament. Until 1988 the tournament changed venue and the date several times. Now it is firmly established as Parana Sevens in the Entre Rios Province.

CANADA (seeded 12)

Sevens has been a popular pastime in the country since the 1930s. The present sevens scene is as diverse as the Canadian provincial set-up, with sevens tournaments in virtually all major cities.

In British Columbia UBC, Simon Fraser University, Gibsons and Evergreen are well established, and command a steady following in Vancouver and Victoria. There is sevens in Ontario and Quebec, in Newfoundland, Alberta and New Brunswick. The Magnificent Sevens in Ontario cater for over 100 teams, while Toronto RU holds a very popular tournament. Capitalising on Canada's increasingly assertive international presence in the sevens and on the popularity of the short game in the country the Canadian RU is about to launch the first National sevens tournament in Toronto in July.

NAMIBIA (seeded 13)

Sevens has not been held in high esteem in Southern Africa until recently. The first sevens

tournament was organised in Windhoek as recently as 1987.

Windhoek United, a local club launched the tournament, at the instigation of the Union, attended by virtually all local clubs - Swans, Police, Wanderers, Trans-Nam and Western Suburbs and three selections representing the three Namibian sub-unions South, North and West.

In addition to that, the Namibian Union launched its own national sevens tournament two years ago. The launch of the World Cup Sevens has given sevens the seal of respectability in Southern Africa, Namibia, an unknown entity at the time of the announcement, was required to enter the World Cup qualifying tournament in Catania. They won it unbeaten, in such manner that the World Cup directors, impressed by the qualities displayed by Gerhard Mans and his team-mates, upgraded Namibia's position from the 20th seed to 13th.

ITALY (seeded 14)

The 1973 World Sevens gave the Italians the idea to staging a sevens tournament in Rome. Twenty-one teams from all over Italy entered the tournament organised by the Algida Rome Club. It remains the oldest-running tournament in Italy, and until the launch of Catania Sevens three years ago, also the most prestigious. In 1979, its status was threatened by Rovigo, who at the suggestion of their then coach Carwyn James, decided to start their own international sevens tournament. The Rovigo Sevens carried on until 1984 when it was abandoned. During the Eighties, while Algida Sevens continued its existence, several other tournaments started in Treviso, Bolpago and Claut in the North East. Amatori Catania and the Italian Federation jointly launched a sevens tournament in Catania in 1990. In 1992 Catania was 'lent' to the World Cup organisers for the qualifying rounds for Murrayfield.

ROMANIA (seeded 16)

The first sevens tournament, very much an experimental affair, was held in the spring of 1986, before Romania flew over to Sydney for the New South Wales Sevens. Dinamo Bucharest, captained by the current Romanian coach

Mircea Paraschiv won the tournament. In Sydney, a young and totally inexperienced Romanian team performed beyond expectation to beat Japan 12-6 in the second match of the pool. The Romanians, banned from travelling abroad to sevens tournaments by the Communist regime, defiantly carried on playing in the first National Sevens tournament in Bucharest the following year. Though in its infancy sevens is making ground in the post-revolutionary Romania. During the past two seasons Romania have won the Hong Kong Bowl competition.

JAPAN (seeded =17)

Sevens has been played in Japan since the Thirties, but until a few years ago the short code remained the preserve of the expatriate community. Two tournaments, one in Kobe and one in Yokohama have been in existence since 1959, but sevens has not taken off, though Japan has been competing regularly in both Hong Kong and Singapore Sevens (with club sides) since the Seventies.

The proximity of the World Cup Sevens convinced the Japanese Rugby Union to launch a nationwide competition, involving in its final stage 24 participants: 16 company teams and the top 8 university sides in the country. The highlight of Japan's international sevens history is the winning of the Plate final in the Hong Kong Sevens of 1980.

KOREA (seeded 17)

The lack of popularity of sevens in the country is defied by some of Korea's more recent international results. While the domestic sevens activity is solely confined to the 21-year-old National Sevens Tournament, the Koreans, since they have emerged on the international scene in 1976, have become the giant-killers of the circuit. They are among the very few nations to have beaten the all-conquering Fijians, back in 1979. In 1992 they stopped in their tracks an ambitious Barbarian side captained by Gavin Hastings and knocked out Canada to reach the semi-finals of the main competition, in Hong Kong.

Korean officials rightly claim that the Union must channel resources into developing fifteen-a-side, but their recent defeat at the

hands of their Asian neighbours and World Cup flyers Taiwan, may convince them to give sevens a higher priority.

TONGA (seeded 19)

Sevens was introduced in the Friendly Islands by an Englishman, John Pitman, in 1969. The first sevens tournament, Tonga Invitation in Nuku' Alofa, was launched the following year and has become the most popular and prestigious in the country. Kolomatua Sevens and Kalimoa Sevens, two well-organised and popular club tournaments in the capital Nuku' Alofa, were first staged in 1989, the year the Tongan Rugby Union launched its own national sevens tournament the 'Cable and Wireless Cup'. Tonga, one of the 'founders' of Hong Kong sevens in 1976, failed so far to match the impact, its Polynesian neighbours Fiji and Western Samoa have had on the sevens game.

SPAIN (seeded 20)

The Spanish team became the talking point of rugby pundits when they beat England 24-6 in the New South Wales Sevens in Sydney in 1986. The success of the team led to a proliferation of sevens tournaments in the country, of which Benidorm is the best known. Sevens started as a regular activity in the country in 1955 when the Madir Sub-Union launched the San Isidro tournament at the Madrid University ground. The City of Villajoyosa capitalised on Spain's acquired fame after the New South Wales Sevens and launched Benidorm Sevens, one of the largest tournaments of its kind in Europe. It is played a week after the Middlesex Sevens and has four divisions: international, senior, junior and ladies.

Since 1991 sevens is becoming a popular pastime. Aguila Master, San Andrius and La Corruana sevens have been in existence since then.

USA (seeded 20)

There are more sevens tournaments in the USA than in any country in the world with the possible exception of Fiji.

Similar to the main game, sevens was pioneered on the East Coast

and New York Sevens, launched in 1959 is the oldest sevens tournament in the USA. There are over eighty sevens tournaments in the USA and most of them have been born in the Seventies and since, though those launched in the Sixties: Harvard Business School Sevens, Whitmarsh, Denver Barbarians, Stanford, etc., are still going strong.

They vary in size, standard and ambitions, from Sud American, Hartford, Bethlehem in the East, to Ohio State in the Mid-West, and from Jayhawk Classic, Texas A&M in the West to San Francisco, Palo Alto, Tacoma, Can-Am on the Pacific Coast. New York, Cape Fear and Can-Am, in this order are the most prestigious, but in 1985 the USA RFU launched two new sevens tournaments, the National Sevens Championship, a nomadic competition that moved from Tucson, to Milwaukee and Washington DC, and the All Star Sevens tournament in San Diego, California.

HONG KONG (seeded 21)

Whenever the dark, or red strip of Hong Kong turns up in a sevens tournament, the crowd expects them to run riot. The image of Hong Kong Sevens, a true celebration of the short code, has contributed to their acquired reputation. But the Hong Kong team, a collection of expatriates of various nationalities and sevens expertise and prowess has yet to leave its mark on the abbreviated version of the game. Two tournaments, the First Division Sevens and the National Sevens Tournament, cater for the domestic market and provide the selectors with the in-form guide. Naturally, the team has been one of the Hong Kong Sevens originals since 1976 when they won the Plate competition, a feat they repeated in 1985, 1990 and 1992. However, Hong Kong's greatest performance to date was to finish runner-up to the unbeaten Namibia in the qualifying tournament in Catania, Sicily.

TAIWAN (seeded 22)

Taiwan's inspired performance in the qualifying tournament in Catania has secured the country a slot among the last 24. It is Taiwan's first ever appearance in a

World Cup event, other than the Asian Championship and will no doubt contribute to an increased awareness of the short game among the thousand odd Taiwanese players. Although sevens has been played in the country since the Forties, Taiwan only commenced its international career in 1984 in Hong Kong. The Taipei Town Area tournament is the oldest and most popular in the island, and has been dominated during its 50 years history by two local clubs, Taipei Giants and Chung Chen.

NETHERLANDS (seeded 23)

Sevens has been played in the country since the Fifties, when the locals joined the soldiers of the British garrison in Rotterdam for a game. However, sevens in the Netherlands is virtually synonymous with the Amsterdam Sevens one of the most popular, and definitely friendliest tournaments in the world. The Dutch organisers, full of common sense and humility have resisted the temptation to capitalise on its public appeal and make it into the European equivalent of Hong Kong. In addition to Amsterdam, there is also a national sevens tournament used to select the Dutch team for international competitions. The Dutch made their international debut in Sydney in 1986 and in 1989 they won the Bowl in Hong Kong, the highlight of their international career to date.

LATVIA (seeded 24)

There is no record of rugby activity in the Republic of Latvia before May, 1960. On 12th May, 1960, a group of enthusiasts organised a rugby practice session in one of Riga's parks. Three months later, on 5th August the first rugby game was played against a Moscow team. But Latvia came of age as a rugby nation only after it won its independence from Moscow – for the second time this century – in August 1991. Sevens was virtually unknown in the country until 1990 when two Latvian clubs travelled to Finland – an unlikely rugby destination – to play in the Midnight Sun Sevens tournament. Latvia's finest hour was their historic win in the Moscow qualifying tournament which secured them a place in this year's Rugby World Cup Sevens.

Crossword Solution



ACROSS

1. HONG KONG
7. ERIC
8. LAWRENCE
9. WILLIE
10. OXFORD
11. RON
12. AGILE
14. PRICE
16. TED
18. CONNOR
20. ANDREW
22. JANELLIS
23. DUKE
24. TOWNSEND

DOWN

1. HARDING
2. NICOL
3. KELLER
4. NEWTON
5. ULCER
6. TELFER
13. LINEEN
15. CHECKED
17. DAWSON
19. O'HARA
21. DODGE

Quiz Solution

1. 1976.
2. Snelling Sevens.
3. Ireland 22-18.
4. Fiji (it is their war dance).
5. Fiji (Suva).
6. Inverleith.
7. Enrico Rodriguez for Australia -v- Argentina in 1987.
8. 1972-73.
9. Racing Club de France.
10. Mike Burton -v- Australia at Ballymore in 1975.
11. Neath.
12. Waterloo.
13. Richard and Paul Moriarty.
14. Phil Bennett, 1977 in New Zealand.
15. 11 (five, three and three).
16. Northern Transvaal.
17. The Cavaliers.
18. The Esplanade Penarth was the Headquarters of the Barbarians on their Easter Tour to Wales.
19. Derek Bevan (Wales).
20. The Wolfhounds.

Referees



ANTONINO CONDORELLI
(Italy)

EFRAÍM SKLAR
(Argentina)



**FREDERICK (FREEK)
BURGER**
(South Africa)

GEORGE GADJOVICH
(Canada)



COLIN HAWKE
(New Zealand)

PETER MARSHALL
(Australia)





PATRICK ROBIN
(France)

DEREK BEVAN
(Wales)



RAY MEGSON
(Scotland)

OWEN DOYLE
(Ireland)



DAVID MATTHEWS
(England)

NAOKI SAITO
(Japan)



Reserve Referees:

KEN McCARTNEY (Scotland) **JOHN BACIGALUPO** (Scotland) **JIM FLEMING** (Scotland)

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