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Llandovery Centenary Sevens — August 25th, 1980

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
LLANDOVERY	CARDIFF COLLEGE	BRYNAMMAN	SWANSEA ATHLETIC
LLANDEILO	PENYGROES	LAMPETER	MUMBLES
BANGOR	CEFNEITHIN	LLANDYBIE	CWMGORSE
AMMAN UNITED	AMMANFORD	MERTHYR	CWMMLYNFELL

	PITCH 1	K.O.		PITCH 2
LLANDOVERY	v LLANDEILO	1.00	CARDIFF COLLEGE	v PENYGROES
BANGOR	v AMMAN UNITED	1.20	CEFNEITHIN	v AMMANFORD
SWANSEA ATHLETIC	v MUMBLES	1.40	BRYNAMMAN	v LAMPETER
CWMGORSE	v CWMMLYNFELL	2.00	LLANDYBIE	v MERTHYR
LLANDEILO	v BANGOR	2.20	PENYGROES	v CEFNEITHIN
LLANDOVERY	v AMMAN UNITED	2.40	CARDIFF COLLEGE	v AMMANFORD

MUMBLES	v CWMGORSE	3.00	LAMPETER	v LLANDYBIE
SWANSEA ATHLETIC	v CWMMLYNFELL	3.20	BRYNAMMAN	v MERTHYR
LLANDOVERY	v BANGOR	3.40	CARDIFF COLLEGE	v CEFNEITHIN
LLANDEILO	v AMMAN UNITED	4.00	PENYGROES	v AMMANFORD
SWANSEA ATHLETIC	v CWMGORSE	4.20	BRYNAMMAN	v LLANDYBIE
MUMBLES	v CWMMLYNFELL	4.40	LAMPETER	v MERTHYR

FIRST SEMI-FINAL LLANDYBIE 5.20 WINNERS: Group 1 v Group 2

SECOND SEMI-FINAL LLANDOVERY 5.40 WINNERS: Group 3 v Group 4

FINAL LLANDOVERY 6.30



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Llandovery RFC's Seven-a-Side team helped to celebrate the club's centenary year by winning their own sevens tournament.

(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordeillo)



Llandovery's star player, Carwyn Williams, sets off on a run in Monday's centenary sevens semi-final, with Ammanford skipper, Gwynlais Williams. Llandovery, inspired by

the brilliant Williams, won the match 28-6 and went on to win the final over Llandybie by 18 points to 12.

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The magnificent

BY RICHARD WILLIAMS

LLANDOVERY BEAT LLANDYBIE IN

Llandovery RFC displaying siftness of foot, slighthness of hand and a real sense of history carried off the trophy donated in their honour in a magnificent seven-a-side tournament on Monday.

They overcame early frights against Amman United and their own second team, thinly disguised as Cilycwm, to win the centenary sevens in fine style over a valiant Llandybie outfit.

Indeed, Llandybie's semi-final victory over Swansea Athletic may rank as the finest performance of the day, but there was no taking it away from Llandovery on the occasion of the first event of their centenary season.

That the host side should have had the talents of people like the Williams brothers at their disposal on such a historic occasion may be looked upon, especially by the teams they beat, as a fortunate coincidence. Llandovery may consider it a happy one. But in the end there was no denying that they were the best team on show.

And it was fitting that a team celebrating its one hundredth birthday should come up trumps on what was after all, their day.

Victory had, however, looked a long way off when they had struggled to beat Amman United and their own team mates, who were drafted in at the last moment when Llandello had failed to turn up, in the early group matches.

A home victory was made to look all the more remote by the performances of Mumbles and Swansea Athletic in

group four.

SUPERIOR

Both these sides had looked superior to everybody early on but as the rare luxury of a sunny afternoon wore on there was evidence from several local sides that the Swansea boys may not have everything sown up.

In group two, Ammanford had a clean sweep of victories including one memorable one over the South Glamorgan Institute (Cardiff College) who, while not being the strongest outfit that the seat of learning could put out, were a strong one none the less.

Ammanford skipper, Gwynlais Williams, opened the scoring with a nice try and the lead was increased before half-time by an Arwyn Fisher penalty. The Guardian's own Clive James grabbed an opportunistic try early in the second-half to increase the lead to eleven points.

Phil Hamer's excellent try for the institute came too late to save them in that game.

But the Trebanos winger helped to put pressure on Ammanford by getting a couple of the college's nine tries against Cefneithin in a 44-0 trouncing.

However, Ammanford got over a jittery start against Penygroes, to run out 22-18 winners and not have to worry about tries scored.

Llandybie overcame the challenges of Lampeter and Brynman to find their way into the semi-final. They started off with a 22-nil win over Merthyr, with tries by Chris McAvoy, Neil Jones, Wyn Williams and Anthony

Evans.

SCORED

They then scored a fine 20-4 win over Lampeter, with Anthony Evans getting two tries and others coming from Wyn Williams, after a fine break by McAvoy and Neil Jones.

Brynman had lost their game with Lampeter but defeated Merthyr by 18 points to 12. So in the final group match they had to beat Llandybie by three clear tries.

However, Llandybie put any chance of this to sleep with two swift tries early in the first half through Anthony Evans and Wyn Williams, both of which Chris McAvoy converted.

But resting on one's laurels is not a wise thing in sevens and Brynman struck back through a couple of tries by Ian Thomas, which Hopkins converted to tie the scores at 12 all which is how it finished.

Cwmlynnfell and Cwmgors had the misfortune to find themselves drawn in what looked, on paper, at least, the toughest section.

Mumbles, the reigning district E national sevens champions and a big Swansea Athletic side fought out a 12-12 draw early on.

And then the crowd were witness to a remarkable match between the "Cwms."

Cwmlynnfell shot away to a 12 point lead with tries by Mike Lewis and Wynford Jones, both of which Lewis converted.

However, in the second half, seventeen-year-old Huw Williams staged a one man show to rob Cwmlynnfell of victory. He scored three excellent tries and converted them himself to make the final score 18-12 to Cwmgors.

Neither team could maintain consistency though and suffered at the hands of either Swansea or Mumbles. In the end, it was Swansea who went through thanks to their total of 13 tries to Mumbles' eleven.

Llandovery booked their passage to the final with a narrow win over Amman Utd., a drawn game with their own second VII (Cilycwm) and a thirty-point trouncing of Bangor, who travelled a long way to lose three

matches.

Amman Utd. may count themselves unfortunate to go out of the competition while playing some fine sevens, but at least the group system had given them the chance to pounce if Llandovery slipped up.

Final group positions.

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llandovery	3	2	1	0	10	4	5
Amman Utd.	3	2	0	1	10	4	4
Cilycwm	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
Bangor	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ammanford	3	3	0	0	12	4	6
Cardiff C.	3	2	0	1	13	4	4
Penygroes	3	1	0	2	11	2	2
Cefneithin	3	0	0	3	0	21	0

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llandybie	3	2	1	0	10	3	5
Lampeter	3	2	0	1	7	8	4
Brynman	3	1	1	1	7	8	3
Merthyr	3	0	0	3	4	9	0

Group 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea A	3	1	2	0	13	9	4
Mumbles	3	1	2	0	11	6	4
Cwmgors	3	1	1	1	8	13	3
Cwmlynnfell	3	0	1	2	8	12	1

SEMI FINALS

LLANDOVERY 28, AMMANFORD 6

Ammanford, who had surprised even themselves with their form in the group matches and, mindful of the host team's sevens form in recent years were cautiously optimistic about this match.

They were, however, to find the going tough, if not impossible, as Llandovery, spearheaded by the brilliant Carwyn Williams raced into the final.

Wyn Morgan opened the scoring with a try that Carwyn Williams converted. "Caws" then ran in for and converted a try for himself and this was quickly followed by a magnificent try by his brother and skipper, Geraint Williams.

With the score standing on 16-0 at half-time, it was all over bar the shouting.

Llandovery got second half tries through Carwyn Williams and Danny Griffiths, both of which Williams converted.

Ammanford got a consolation try through Gwynlais Williams, which Clive James converted.

LLANDYBIE 19 SWANSEA ATH. 6

This was a magnificent per-



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seven!

FINAL

formance from Llandybie, who took the initiative from the start with a lovely try by Wyn Williams and never let it go.

NEAT

Williams's try which came after a neat chip ahead was converted by Anthony Evans. But it was quickly followed by a second try from the nippy winger who chased up a clever kick from Anthony Evans and scrambled over in the corner.

Skipper, Chris McAvoy then elected to try a penalty from some forty yards and in putting it over effectively put his side three scores clear at half time.

John Boyle put Swansea back in the hunt with a good try early in the second-half which Sendry converted.

Nick Saunders put the final nail in Swansea's coffin with a nice try after McAvoy had intercepted. Anthony Evans converted.

evitable Williams, himself.

The pressure continued and just before half-time, Wyn Morgan crossed for the third try which Williams failed to convert.

In the second-half Llandovery slackened off somewhat and Llandybie showed their determination to make a real fight of it.

They struck back with an excellent try from Neil Jones, which McAvoy converted, to make the score 14-6, but the fight back was not to continue for long.

Carwyn Williams, confirming his side as the best in the competition and himself as the best individual, scored a delightful try, which he failed to convert.

Anthony Evans got Llandybie's second try, which he converted himself, but there was no time for the game to restart, so it made little difference on a game that had been undeniably the host team's.

THE FINAL

**LLANDOVERY 18
LLANDYBIE 12**

Llandovery, displaying excellent sevens technique were immediately on the offensive pushing Llandybie back into the corners.

They scored, firstly through Eirian Jones, a try which Carwyn Williams converted and then through the in-

Flying start

Llandovery Town started their centenary season in great style by winning their own celebrations sevens. They beat Llandybie 10-12 in the final with their man of the tournament Carwyn Williams scoring two tries and converting one with their other tries coming from Eirian Jones and Wyn Morgan. For Llandybie Neil Jones crossed for a try which Chris McAvoy converted and Anthony Evans converted his own try. In the semi-finals Llandovery defeated Ammanford 28-6 and Llandybie put out Swansea Athletic 19-6.



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Llandovery draw level

BY RICHARD WILLIAMS

Llandovery 6 pts,
Llandybie nil

If West Wales matches were decided on aggregate, then the two midweek fixtures between Llandello and Llandovery would have resulted in a 12-all draw, and there certainly could have been no fairer result.

The closeness of the first match in Llandybie was carried through to Llandovery last week, with both teams coming close to scoring, but failing at crucial moments in an exciting, if a little loose, first half.

Both teams had let offs. Clive Roderick hit the cross bar with a drop-goal attempt; Llandovery's number eight, Nigel Clarke, dropped the ball as he dived in for what could have been a crucial score. And sluggish passing in midfield left Llandybie winger, Wyn Williams, with too much to do when he should have been given a clear run in.

However, the two factors which had the biggest effect on the match manifested themselves in the first period.

The first was Llandovery's greater control at forward, where they disrupted Llandybie's scrummages with an effective wheel.

The second was Llandybie's failure to put kicks to touch, while Carwyn Williams and Alan Morgan were putting in theirs dead regularly for the centenarians.

PROBLEMS

Llandovery maintained their superior control at forward throughout the second half, causing problems at the base of the scrums and lines-out for Llandybie.

The visitors looked effective, occasionally, when they kept the play tight, using, to

great effect the blind side. But there was still no way through, and the Llandovery half backs pushed them back continually.

The try, a scrappy affair, came as a result of Llandybie's failings at touch kicking, and Llandovery's superior scrummaging.

The visitors failed to clear and when a scrum was awarded on their line, the inevitable wheel wrought havoc with the heel. As the ball ran loose, Carwyn Williams pounced to score. He also converted.

Llandovery never had enough sharpness in the backs to score, but twice, near the end, stretched Llandovery who clung stubbornly to their lead.

Llandovery's tilt at promotion from Section C was helped by a narrow 17-15 success over lowly Cwmavon.

Tries from Dewi Evans, Dilwyn Augustus and Martin Davies carried the day. Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty and conversion to consolidate the club's third place slot in the table just two points behind the leaders Morriston.

The biggest shock of the day came at Llandovery, where the home side crashed 16-13 to Cwmavon, despite leading 13-4 at the interval. Dewi Evans and Handel Davies scored a try apiece for Llandovery, while Carwyn Williams put over a conversion and penalty goal.

Llandovery stroll it

Llandovery 28 pts
Llangennech 3

By G.R.

Llandovery R.F.C. gained their third successive victory when they overcame Llangennech in a Section C league match at the Castle Ground on Saturday.

Although the visitors' pack gained most of the good possession in the set pieces, the home three-quarters, inspired by the dynamic play of scrum-half Gareth Davies who plays for Combined Services against Zimbabwe next Saturday gave their best display of the season.

The game was only two minutes old when Gareth Davies crossed for an unconverted try after an incisive burst by Nigel Clark. Soon afterwards Elwyn Davies replied with a dropped goal to narrow the score.

Play at this stage was a matter of attack and counter-attack but just before half-time Llandovery scored through Stewart Fry and left-wing Dewi Evans.

In spite of fierce resistance by the visitors' pack and fine defensive kicking by stand-off Elwyn Davies, Llandovery went further ahead after the interval. A clean break by Gareth Davies led to a try by Carwyn Williams which he himself converted.

REAR GUARD

Though Llangennech fought a brave rear-guard action the home side was now in full-spate and added a further try after a clever move from a free-kick in front of the posts—scored by Elwyn Jenkins and converted by Carwyn Williams. Near the end a corner try by Dewi Evans sealed the fate of the visitors.

This victory puts Llandovery in good heart for their friendly centenary match against Maesteg on Tuesday.

LLANDOVERY CHALLENGE

Llandovery 13 pts.,
Bonymaen 3 pts.

Llandovery R.F.C. proved themselves worthy challengers for promotion from Section 'C' by defeating highly placed Bonymaen at Llandovery on Saturday.

The first half was evenly contested with both well-matched packs fighting for supremacy. High kicking and fast following-up tested both full-backs to the full but immaculate handling and accurate line kicking by Tony Wall for Bonymaen and Noel Jones for Llandovery ensured that neither side gained an advantage from this play.

Just before half-time Simon Morris kicked a penalty goal to give the visitors the lead but Llandovery reacted with a break by scrum-half Gareth Davies leading to along diagonal run by centre Geraint Williams to score an unconverted try.

If play in the first half was somewhat pedestrian the second half developed into a splendid open game which belied the cold conditions. We saw some fine 50 yard defensive kicking by fly-half Nick Hughes and full back Tony Wall for Bonymaen and then Llandovery, unaffected by some blind-side incidents best forgotten and hopefully not to be repeated, opening up the play leading to a break by Gareth Davies and a try by Stuart Fry, converted by Carwyn Williams.

The last quarter saw a surge of power rugby by the lighter Llandovery pack, well led by Alan Walters, and open three-quarter play with the ball being thrown about with gay abandon.

Near the end a penalty goal by Carwyn Williams sealed the fate of the visitors.

In a fast and fluid game, Llandovery easily beat visiting Llangennech 28-3. Dewi Evans crossed for two tries, with one apiece coming from Stuart Fry, Gareth Davies, Elwyn Jenkins and Carwyn Williams. Williams also kicked two conversions. For Llandovery, scrum half Gareth Davies was outstan-

Llandovery kept very much in the Section C title race after a fine 21-14 success at Bonymaen. Wyn Morgan, Graham Davies and Colin Williams scored their tries, with the latter kicking all three conversions and a penalty goal.



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Last gasp kick foils 'cocklemen'

LLANDOVERY 6pts.,
LAUGHARNE 6pts.

Some of the old Laugharne zest and sparkle came well to the fore in this match which lacked only lady luck for the visitors.

They boasted the only try of the game and saw victory slip from their grasp in the dying minutes of the game as Llandovery picked up the equalising penalty.

The home team made the first points with a penalty which proved the only scoring chance in the first half.

With the change of ends, Laugharne continued to play good controlled rugby as their forwards slowly gained the upper hand and ensured a supply of good quality possession for the ever-alert backs.

Kevin Simkiss, Charles Twitchet and George Hillips were always prominent in a much-improved pack while skipper Lloyd Morris and outside half Alun Jenkins en-

sured that the ball was always on the move.

After many assaults on the Llandovery line, Laugharne made their break with a scorching charge into the corner by winger Dai Waters.

Roger Hunt converted and the hard work of the second half by Laugharne looked set for a victorious pay-off.

But with minutes to go, Llandovery drew level from a penalty.

STRANGE

The game was hardly a spectacle, being punctuated by penalties and strange decisions by the referee. Laugharne, however, did try to run the ball at all times and slick handling by their three-quarters kept Llandovery's defence under pressure.

The visitors' wingers Dai and Richard Waters ran strongly and were always willing to test the opposition.

For their part, Llandovery were more content to kick for position or use the high up and under. Both tactics proved to be of little avail with Laugharne full back Keith John in fine form.

LLANDOVERY SNEAK A DRAW

Llandovery 15 pts,
Mumbles 15

Llandovery R.F.C. concluded their league programme with a game against Mumbles R.F.C. on Saturday, having won the Section 'C' championship in this, their centenary year.

While the result of the game was of no vital importance to the home side, Mumbles on the other hand needed to obtain two points from the next three games to ensure promotion.

The first half provided a far more open and exciting game than the conditions suggested.

Carwyn Williams kicked two penalty goals before half-time and his brother Geraint, returning after injury, scored a try near the posts after Carwyn had made the opening, for the latter to convert.

Tony Bannon kicked two penalties for Mumbles to bring the score to 12-6 at half-time.

Mumbles really turned on the heat after half-time, pressing hard to obtain those vital promotion points, the forwards, with Neil Thomas prominent, gaining good possession from the set pieces.

Llandovery, with full-back Tony Williams and flanker Elwyn Jenkins outstanding, resisted with some fierce tackling.

Attack and counter attack followed with Mumbles opening up the play with some fine three-quarter movements.

Tony Bannon kicked three excellent penalty goals to give Mumbles the lead, but near the end the visitors had to defend desperately to keep their line intact.

With victory within their sights Carwyn Williams kicked a penalty for Llandovery to bring the score level.

Mumbles must now obtain one point from their remaining games against Llandyble and Amman United to make promotion possible. On their display in this game they should accompany Llandovery to the higher sphere.

Stalemate at Llandovery

Llandovery held Morriston, leaders of Section 'C', to a 13-13 draw in a top of the table clash.

The home crowd was elated — if somewhat surprised — to see Llandovery, playing vintage rugby, build up a score of thirteen points in the first half.

A fine try by Geraint Williams, converted by his brother Carwyn, who also kicked a penalty goal was followed by a scramble on the line with prop-forward Malcolm Page getting the touch-down. The vital conversion-kick failed.

Morriston's only reply in this half was a well-taken dropped goal by Ian Thrupp.

The second half proved to be a complete reversal of the first. The visitors, taking advantage of good possession, pinned Llandovery on their own line and sustained pressure led to a blind-side threequarter movement and

an over-lap unconverted try by left-wing Neil Cullen.

Morriston continued to dominate at this stage and fly-half Ian Thrupp scored near the posts for Stephen Harwood to convert.

Stunned by this spate of scoring, the home side gradually recovered and fierce forward foraging took play into the visitors' half, but line kicking by ex-Scarlet scrum-half Vernon Richards and fly-half Ian Thrupp, both prominent throughout the match, held Llandovery at bay.

So this game, played in a spirit of true sportsmanship, which was a credit to both teams, ended with honours even and a draw seemed a fair reflection of the general run of play.

The final result was important in that both sides can now be regarded as strong contenders for promotion to Section 'B'.

In Section C Llandovery held leaders Morriston to a 13-13 draw. Mal Page and Geraint Williams added a conversion and penalty goal. Despite tomorrow's centenary clash at Cardiff there's a full programme of West Wales action.

"So we have allowed an extra week to give the pitches a chance to dry out. I have never known the weather to be so bad," said Mr. Thorne.

However, one or two matches were played in the championship and they produced an interesting result in the Towy Valley where Llandovery were held to a fifteen-all draw by promotion seeking Mumbles.

Llandovery registered the only try of the match through Geraint Williams playing in his first match after a long spell injured. Brother Carwyn slotted three penalties and converted the try.

For Mumbles, fly half Tony Bannon slotted five penalties to once again prove the worth of a side having a consistent goal kicker in the side. They failed to score a try although for long

periods they troubled Llandovery with excellent play.

This result gives Mumbles a good chance of gaining promotion to Section B with them having only to pick up a solitary point from these two remaining matches.

Poor Cefnethlin lost yet again — this time at the hands of Tonna who scored their thirteen points through tries by Byron Bator and Malcolm Isaac and a penalty and conversion by Hugh Jenkins.

Results:

WWRU (Tovall) Challenge cup:
Hendy 33, Abercraze 3; Seven Sisters 8, Cwmafan nil.

Championship:
Section C Llandovery 15, Mumbles 15.
Section D Tonna 13, Cefnethlin 3.

Llandovery stayed on the heels of leaders Morriston in the West Wales Section C championship race last Saturday after a narrow 11-7 win at Amman Utd.

Although the performance itself was not one of Llandovery's best this season, it must be encouraging to think that they can play below par and still come out on top.

Handel Davies scored both Llandovery's tries, while Caerwyn Williams landed a penalty goal.

In one of two Watney Truman matches played, Mumbles gained a point at Llandovery where they held the Section C champions to a 15-15 draw. For Mumbles, 20-year-old fly half Tony Bannon kicked all four Llandovery tries with five penalty goals, while Caerwyn Williams put over a hat-trick of penalty goals and also converted a try by his brother Geraint.



CARWYN STEERS TITLE COURSE

By Ian Davies

Llandovery emerged at the weekend as the shooting stars of the West Wales League.

In a thrilling top of the table clash they deposed Section E leaders Morriston after a slender 9-7 victory. Carwyn Williams was the hero with two penalty goals and a dropped goal.

Llandovery hold a precarious points advantage and like Morriston have two more championship fixtures to snatch glory.

On paper Llandovery have the easier of run-ins. They are at home to Mumbles and round-off the season with an away match against third from bottom Bryncoch.

Morriston face a stern test in their next home match. They take on third placed Felinfoel, who on their day are quite capable of springing a surprise. The final clash is against Mumbles.

The try count in the games will be vital if both succeed. In the event of deadlock league officials will tot up the try totals of both to find a winner.

While Llandovery and Morriston face an agonising wait, Carmarthen Athletic, Penclawdd and Abercrave can afford to sit back after stitching up their section titles.

The Athletic, still the only unbeaten side in the league, smashed through the winning tape in fine style with a 20-0 drubbing of Swansea Uplands.

Tries came from wing Mike Owens, Keith Jones, Roger Lewis and Richard Thomas. Robbie Jones added two conversions.

The Section E crown is just the first of a golden hat-trick for the 'Super Reds.' They hold a massive 65-point lead over Abercrave in the Eurof Davies Memorial Cup with a haul of 356, and their 62-try total in the 'Tries Only'

Cup is a staggering 17 better than their nearest rivals, Gorselion.

Penclawdd clinched the Section B title in grand style. Their 50-0 win over Penygroes came with tries from Ian Dallimore (3), Andy Tyrell (3), David Fletcher, Paul Jones and Phil Austin. Gareth Williams put over two conversions and two penalties.

Abercrave clinched the Section D accolade with an 18-0 success over Cwmgors. Les Rutherford and Elfion Davies crossed for tries. Kevin Williams converted both and landed two penalties.

In Section A New Dock Stars shot into a five point lead following their 17-4 win over Tumble. Tries came from Ian Davies, Dai Thomas and Wayne Williams, Davies, the former Kidwelly star, also weighed in with a conversion and penalty.

Second placed Hendy suffered their fourth home defeat of the season at the hands of Seven Sisters, going down 18-13.

Carmarthen Quins gained a valuable point in their bid to avoid relegation as they held visiting Waunarlwydd 6-6 at the Park. It was a dour, unspectacular game, with Dylan Richards kicking two penalty goals for the Quins.

Despite their 16-12 victory at Cwmllynfell, Kidwelly still find themselves locked in the relegation zone. Hefin Thomas scored the Kidwelly try, and Bleddyn Griffiths landed four penalty goals.

Another defeat for Laugharne, who went down 21-10 at Crynant. Julian Jones crossed for the Laugharne try, while Alun Jenkins kicked two penalty goals.

In Section B, Burry Port now have every chance of avoiding the drop after their fine 21-9 home win over Gowerton. The Port's tries came from Carl Davies, Del Protheroe, Brian Thomas and Nicky Morgan. Morgan also added a conversion and

penalty goal.

The West Wales RU championship clash at Pontardawe started late when the Cefneithin mini-bus broke down. Cefneithin's defence also broke down as they crashed 18-0.

There'll be no games this weekend due to the Scotland v Wales clash at Murrayfield.

RESULTS

Section A: Carmarthen 6, Waunarlwydd 6; Crynant 21, Laugharne 10; Cwmllynfell 12, Kidwelly 16; Hendy 13, Seven Sisters 18; New Dock Stars 17, Tumble 4.

Section B: Brynaman 6, Ystradgynlais 19; Burry Port 21, Gowerton 9; Penclawdd 50, Penygroes 0; Pontarddulais 13, Ystalyfera 13; Vardre 18, Bynea 0.

Section C: Amman Utd 10, Mumbles 15; Bonymaen 9, Bryncoch 3; Cwmavon 11, Llangennech 7; Llandybie 13, Felinfoel 20; Morriston 7, Llandovery 9.

Section D: BP Llandarcy 11, Dunvant 11; Cwmgors 0, Abercrave 18; Gorselion 9, Tonna 6; Loughor 3, Trebanos 3; Pontardawe 18, Cefneithin 0.

Section E: Llandello 0, Furnace Utd 25; Llanelli Wanderers 17, Glais 10; Pontyberem 28, Resolven 3; Skewen 18, Ammanford 6; Swansea Uplands 20, Carmarthen Athletic 20.

WWRU (WAT-TRU) CHAMP

SECTION A	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	TF	TA	P
New Dock Stars	15	11	2	2	205	114	29	12	24
Hendy	16	9	1	6	212	178	27	23	19
Waunarlwydd	14	8	3	3	160	91	21	7	19
Crynant	16	8	1	7	195	185	25	16	17
Seven Sisters	15	7	2	6	143	153	15	19	16
Carmarthen	15	6	3	6	141	144	14	15	15
Kidwelly	15	6	2	7	163	164	19	16	14
Tumble	15	6	1	8	160	167	18	29	13
Cwmllynfell	16	5	0	11	140	189	14	28	10
Laugharne	15	2	1	12	106	240	16	33	5

SECTION B	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	TF	TA	P
Penclawdd	16	14	1	1	289	117	44	10	29
Brynaman	17	12	1	4	201	141	21	16	25
Ystradgynlais	16	11	1	4	226	121	27	12	23
Pontarddulais	15	9	1	5	163	113	23	12	19
Vardre	16	9	0	7	208	147	25	12	18
Burry Port	17	6	1	10	160	205	20	25	13
Bynea	16	5	1	10	138	203	12	23	11
Ystalyfera	15	3	4	8	111	214	10	30	10
Gowerton	18	4	0	14	185	252	18	33	8
Penygroes	18	3	2	13	98	266	11	38	8

SECTION C	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	TF	TA	P
Llandovery	16	12	1	3	212	119	31	12	25
Morriston	16	12	1	3	205	121	31	16	25
Felinfoel	16	9	2	5	199	167	20	23	20
Bonymaen	17	9	1	7	190	176	31	22	19
Mumbles	14	8	2	4	166	125	23	15	18
Cwmavon	17	8	2	7	185	173	20	26	18
Llandybie	17	7	2	8	188	173	29	21	16
Bryncoch	16	5	1	10	128	173	19	17	11
Llangennech	17	2	0	15	95	238		41	4
* Amman Utd.	14	2	0	12	117	223		33	3

* One penalty point deducted

SECTION D	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	TF	TA	P
Abercrave	15	14	0	1	291	113	41	13	28
Gorselion	17	11	2	4	281	102	45	8	24
Pontardawe	17	11	1	5	206	118	29	11	23
Cwmgors	16	10	0	6	201	179	28	25	20
Tonna	16	9	0	7	195	139	21	17	18
Loughor	17	7	4	6	132	131	16	16	18
Dunvant	17	6	2	9	172	196	22	25	14
Trebanos	17	5	2	10	150	212	18	33	12
Cefneithin	16	2	0	14	87	365	9	57	4
BP Llandarcy	16	1	1	14	105	265	12	36	3

SECTION E	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	TF	TA	P
Carmarthen Ath.	16	15	1	0	356	67	62	4	31
Furnace Utd.	17	14	0	3	237	124	38	15	28
Pontyberem	16	11	1	4	169	88	17	10	23
Skewen	17	10	0	7	161	107	21	9	20
Llan Wandrs.	16	8	0	8	165	216	19	32	16
* Glais	16	6	1	9	157	172	23	26	15
Swansea Upl.	17	5	2	10	180	192	30	29	12
Ammanford	17	5	0	12	147	235	17	33	10
* Resolven	18	4	2	12	145	285	20	48	8
Llandello	16	1	1	14	70	301	5	46	3

* 2 points added
* 2 points deducted

Jenks foils Town

Carmarthen Town 0
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It was just not Carmarthen Town's day as



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Fighting for the title



Llandovery RFC are poised to win the Section C shield in the West Wales Rugby Union's Watney-Truman championship competition. They have already clinched

promotion to Section B.

(Photo: Arwel Davies, Carmarthen and Llandybie)

Wales Poly in storming cup victory

Wales Polytechnic 26pts, Bristol Polytechnic 7

A STORMING display by the Wales Polytechnic forwards gave them the British Polytechnic Cup for the second successive year when they crushed Bristol Poly in the final at the London Irish ground yesterday.

This was Wales Poly's fourth win in the competition, which this year is sponsored by *Rugby World* magazine.

Wales Poly trailed 0-3 as half time but were facing a strong wind in the first half, their forwards held on well and in the second half, they took charge, with prop Phil Morgan and flankers Ashley Jones and Richard Inckleton in superb form.

In fact, the second half became almost a procession and the Wales backs carved through the mud to delight their supporters.

Wales "B" full back, Ian Walsh and Ebbw Vale centre Ian Goslin, were outstanding; well served by scrum half Carwyn Williams. The result was five excellent tries, the best coming when Walsh carved open the defence and sent wing John Harris over in the corner to seal the Wales effort.

Bristol paid the penalty through missing four kicks at goal in the first half and for not cashing in on their territorial advantage. Their Somerset C centre, Neil Hopkins, missed three kicks and although he looked an accomplished player, these misses proved vital.

Bristol's only addition to a first-half penalty by fly half Andy McCutcheon was a last-minute try by the Bristol club wing, John Lane.

Wales Polytechnic: Tries—Peter Morgan, Ian Walsh, Ross Chilcott, Paul Elliott, Richard Inckleton; Conversions—Ian Walsh (3).

Bristol Polytechnic: Try—John Lane; penalty—Andy McCutcheon.

Victory for cup holders

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A penalty try enabled holders Polytechnic of Wales to triumph 9-3 over North Staffordshire Polytechnic in the semi-final of the British Polytechnic Sports Association Cup at Worcester yesterday.

Polytechnic of Wales defeated their Bristol counterparts 3-0 in the final last year and now look set to hold on to the title. North Staffordshire had the better of the first half yesterday, but made the mistake of not turning territorial advantage into points.

North Staffs could only muster a penalty by Rosslyn Park player, Sid Lowdon and

the combined play by the Welsh side in the second half began to turn the tide. Lee Jones kicked a penalty for the holders and the penalty try, converted by Caerwyn Williams, sealed North Staffs' fate.

Polytechnic of Wales Seconds also faced North Staffs in the semi-final of the Second XV section of the British Poly Cup. This time it was the Englishmen who won 19-14. North Staffs established an early 19-point lead but the Polytechnic of Wales hauled themselves back and were within striking distance of their opponents when time ran out.

Llandovery blow it!

Llandovery 10, Waunarlwydd 18

Llandovery R.F.C., celebrating the centenary year, entertained Waunarlwydd in a W.R.U. Schweppes Cup.

Waunarlwydd, assisted by a strong wind gained a territorial advantage in the first quarter, but Llandovery came back strongly and Elfyn Jenkins scored a fine corner try which Carwyn Williams converted from the touchline.

Andrew Hutchings kicked two penalty goals before half-time to bring the scores level.

The second half was dominated by a fine display of accurate kicking by newcomer Andrew Hutchings who added four penalty goals in quick succession to put the score beyond the reach of the home side. Towards the end, Llandovery rallied and an incisive break by Geraint Williams led to an unconverted try by Eirian Jones, a score which came too late.

Llandovery scrum half, Carwyn Williams, kicked straight and true on two occasions last Saturday to boot Mumbles out of the competition. Williams put over two penalties to put his centenary celebrating side into the second round.

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Power packed Hendy

topple Llandovery

Centre, Howells, picks up more points

Llandovery 7 pts, Hendy 25 pts

For eighteen minutes Llandovery were in this West Wales Cup tie encounter, as they chased, and harried enthusiastically their section A opponents, Hendy.

Once, however, the latter had obtained the first score, they settled into their efficient routine; their forwards demolished their opponents and the monopoly of good quality possession eventually enabled them to win by the overwhelming margin of three goals, a try and a penalty goal to a try and a penalty.

The first three set scrum-mages showed that the home forwards would be under considerable pressure later on in the match as they were inched away on their own put in. Scrum half, Handel Davies, however, was able to get the ball away to his threequarters and their sharp handling enabled the ball to be flashed across the threequarterline.

STEADY

Hendy, in marked contrast, were rock steady on their own put in and scrum half Allan Jones was able to sit back before deciding on his final options, but whichever course

he took, they invariably met serious problems for the home side.

During the initial play left wing, Dewi Evans, and full back, Tony Williams, had run from deep positions for Llandovery before being brought to ground by desperate Hendy tackling. But once centre, Nigel Howells had filtered down the middle of the field before sending prop Andrew Bowen crashing over for the first important score, the visitors were ensembled.

Howells added the goal points and before the home side could recover, the ball was moved all along the back-division, from a line-out on the home line, for Haydn Davies to race in for a copy-book score.

Faced with a ten-point deficit at the interval, and starved of any worthwhile good ball, home half-backs Handel Davies and Carwyn Williams tried their utmost to build up sustained handling movements, but once a Llan-

doverly player had been penalised for a needless touchline infringement and Nigel Howells had kicked the points, the match was as good as over.

A penalty goal by Carwyn Williams gave his side momentary hopes of a fight back before a controlled rolling maul by the visitors enabled flanker, Jeff Williams to crash over for his side's third try. Once again Nigel Howells added the extra points.

Hendy now relaxed visibly and Llandovery came more into the game, but once again when Allan Jones rolled his forwards to the edge of the home line, a combined drive prised open the home defence to allow centre Emir Bowen to swerve in for an excellent try. Once again Howells added the extra points.

In the final minute, Martyn Davies ran in for a late consolation try for the home side but by then Hendy were past the post



Llandovery brothers, Mike Page and Noel Page (wearing headband) contest a line-out during the WWRU challenge cup match with Mumbles. Llandovery won then but went down to Hendy on Saturday (see story right).



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Carwyn James — Cardiff 22, Llanelli 6

Scott the brave



Cardiff thoroughly deserved their victory over Llanelli last night by two goals, two penalties and a try to a goal. Early on it seemed as if they would repeat last season's mammoth total against their old rivals but the young Scarlets, inspired by their skipper Ray Gravell, defended grimly and often counter-attacked with style.

This match, postponed because of cup commitments and played on a miserable, wintry evening, was a considerable financial loss to the Cardiff club, but the quality of the play in the slithery conditions was surprisingly good.

It was disappointing for the loyal spectators that they were denied the confrontation between Phil Bennett, who had to withdraw because of injury, and Gareth Davies. However, Bennett's deputy Kevin Thomas handled and kicked with assurance and two stand-in scrumhalves Terry Lee and Carwyn Williams handled the difficult ball well.

A quick burst of effective interpassing by the Llanelli forwards almost resulted in an early try for Quinnett, but the first bout of three-quarter passing, with Derek Preece running elusively on the right wing and Burcher distributing intelligently, led to a Cardiff try by Gareth Davies, which he also converted.

In recent weeks John Scott has been performing magnificently as a No. 8 and club captain and it was he, with a rousing charge, who inspired Cardiff's second try, scored by flanker Robert Lakin. Davies converted to make it a dozen points in less than 20 minutes

with Cardiff looking much the better side.

With the Cardiff front row packing strongly, the back-row looked the more forceful and creative unit, particularly since Paul Ringer was playing a peculiar game, most of it in no-man's land. Gareth Davies was playing a more expensive pattern than usual and there were moments when his moves looked dangerous.

The Scarlets, however, lept 9n fighting the good fight in a losing cause and they denied Cardiff any more scoring opportunities in an interesting half, inconsistently refereed. The fact that four young men were playing their first game for Llanelli speaks highly for their courage and their ability.

It was thrust and counter-thrust in the second half, with both sides having their moments of joy. Llanelli kept on transgressing the offside law, and from a tapped penalty the home forwards formed a huddle in Irish fashion and the unconverted try was awarded to Alan Phillips.

Despite this setback Llanelli fought back and their front row wer much in evidence in a forward charge with prop Charles Thomas scoring a try which his namesake Kevin converted. Gareth Davies kicked a 40-metre penalty and then another to finish the scoring in a pleasing encounter.

The Welsh selectors present must have been impressed with the play of the regulars — Davies, Quinnett and Phillips — and Preece's running may well have arned him a place in the national squad.

CARDIFF: C. Webber, D. Preece, D. Burcher, D. Barry, S. Evans, G. Davies, T. Lee, J. Whitefoot, A. Phillips, I. Edman, K. Edwards, A. Mogridge, R. Lakin, J. Scott (cap), B. Lease.

LLANELLI: M. Gravell, M. Owen, R. Gravell (cap), P. Morgan, R. Evans, K. Thomas, C. Williams, D. Coady, D. Evans, C. Thomas, D. Darch, P. May, A. Davies, D. Quinnett, P. Ringer.

Referee: W. O. Davies (Griffithstown).

Coady, who impressed when playing against the Scarlets recently in a Cup tie.

They also include a new inside half in Carwyn Williams, of Llandovery Town, and while he does not have to face Terry Holmes in his first match, the Cardiff back row and Lee will seek to contain him.

In order to protect Williams in his debut, they have selected the vastly experienced Derek Quinnett at No 8, and they come no wiser than he and, additionally, he can mark John Scott at the end of the lineup.

The case for Quinnett in the Welsh XV is under consideration and, personally, however many changes are made I would play him somewhere for his considerable experience against England.

Alun Davies, who has done well at No 8 recently, moves to the flank and the back row of Ringer, Quinnett and Davies looks a good one, and they will attempt to harass Gareth Davies as he seeks to control play. As always most matches revolve round the back rows and half backs.

Llanelli bring back their superstar at outside half in Phil Bennett, who is still the mastermind of midfield play and one relishes the contest between he and his Welsh team successor Gareth Davies, two superb kickers of the ball and when they run with it, equally deceptive. They have class and that is an important quality.

INJURY

Last night, Llanelli were forced to make a team change as Mark Jones, on the wing, suffered a hamstring injury on Monday evening during a training session, but this affords no relief for Cardiff defenders as J J Williams steps in to take his place.

David Nicholas, on the other wing, has made a successful return to the game following a long absence through injury, and he is one of several players who will be watched closely tonight by members of the Welsh selection committee, as will Ray Gravell and Peter Morgan in the centre.

The Cardiff props and lock Kevin Edwards are also under scrutiny and so it will be a special match in many ways. One would like it to recall the enthusiasm of the 1930s when the two sides produced some exciting matches as it would give a lift to the rather drab Welsh club scene of the moment and cheer the national selectors.

LLANELLI: M Gravell; J J Williams, P Morgan, R W Gravell (capt), D Nicholas, P Bennett, C Williams; D Coady, D Evans, C Thomas, D Darch, P May, A Davies, D Quinnett, P Ringer.

CARDIFF: C Webber; D Preece, D H Burcher, D Barry, S Evans; W G Davies, T Lee; J Whitefoot, A J Phillips, I Eldman, K Edwards, A Mogridge, R Lakin, J P Scott (capt), B Lease.

Referee: W O Davies (Griffithstown).





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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

THURSDAY, APRIL 16th, 1981

Llandovery reach their first final

Carmarthen Athletic 0, Llandovery 10pts

LLANDOVERY CONTINUED to celebrate their centenary year in great style and last night qualified for a place in the West Wales Rugby Union Watney Truman Championship final for the first time.

The old college town team defeated Carmarthen Athletic at Cefneithin before a rather small crowd, who were treated to a good exhibition of rugby under very difficult conditions, aggravated by continuous rain.

The Llandovery scores came in the second half with fly-half Carwyn Williams putting over two penalty goals and his centre brother Geraint executing a neat break to send wing Dewi Evans over for a corner try.

The winners' pack laid the foundation for this success and their half-backs, Carwyn Williams and Handel Davies, controlled the game behind, especially in the second half when they kept the Athletic defence under constant pressure.

Llandovery's opponents in the final will be winners of the New Dock Stars v Penclawdd tie at Stradey Park on Monday.

Llandovery go through to the final

Llandovery, who are celebrating their centenary this year, qualified for a place in the final of a major West Wales Rugby Union competition for the first time with a fine 10-nil victory over Carmarthen Athletic at Cefneithin.

They now go on to play the winners of last Monday's championship semi-final between cup-holders New Dock Stars and Penclawdd.

The most disappointing feature of the match was caused by the wet weather — it kept the crowds away.

However, those who witnessed the encounter were treated to an excellent display of rugby football from both teams, with Llandovery dictating the course of events in the second half.

Their "general" behind a very enthusiastic pack were half-backs Carwyn Williams and Handel Davies, who kept the Athletic defence under constant pressure, particularly in the second period.

And it was in this period that the match swung Llandovery's way with fly-half Williams opening the scoring with an easy penalty goal, and stretching the lead with another kick, this time a magnificent effort from near the touchline.

The seal was set on a superb performance when centre Geraint Williams broke clear to put wing Dewi Evans over for an unconverted try.



Llandovery's Noel Page fights for the ball in a line-out during last week's championship final against New Dock Stars while team-mates Rusty Jones, Wyn Williams and Dil

Augustus get ready to lend support.

(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordeilo)



Stars shine to clinch the double

Llandovery 14 pts,
New Dock Stars 25

Although beaten by the margin of 11 points, Llandovery were far from being humiliated in the West Wales Rugby Union Watney Truman championship final at Cefneithin last Wednesday.

Indeed, had they not squandered a few chances through bad handling, the result could well have been reversed.

The Towy Valley side matched New Dock in all departments except perhaps at half-back where Phil Johnson and Ian Davies tipped the scales in favour of the winners.

The closeness of the match can be judged by the fact that at the end of normal time only two points separated the teams, New Dock leading 16-14.

In injury time, however, Dock got a converted try and a penalty goal to put the issue beyond doubt.

The victory makes New Dock Stars only the seventh club to achieve the double — the challenge cup and the championship — in the Union's 50-year history.

They now share that distinction with Loughor, Crynant, Seven Sisters, Pontarddulais, Llandybie and Hendy.

Many times during the match — which was considered one of the best finals in recent years — it was obvious that Llandovery should be using the potential match-winning talents of wing Gareth Davies.

And as many times they failed to do so.

FIRST BLOOD

It was Davies — who plays at scrum half for the Army — who drew first blood with a try in the corner when Dock fly-half Ian Davies was caught in possession.

However, the scores were level again when Wayne Williams raced over to open account for New Dock, who were piling on the pressure at this stage.

Then a tragic defensive blunder by the Llandovery

defence let in flanker John De Filippo for a try which Ian Davies converted to make the score 10-4 to Dock at half-time.

Llandovery surged back in the second period and two penalty goals by fly-half Carwyn Williams brought them back into the game, and Gareth Davies added his second try.

However, tries by Micky Howells and Keirion Davies, both of which were converted by Ian Davies, who also landed a penalty goal, won the shield and the double for the Llanelli side.

Prominent throughout for Llandovery were skipper Alwyn Walters and flanker Dil Augustus.

C. C. EVANS CUP FINAL

Llandybie meet the winners of last Monday's match between Llandovery and Cefneithin in the final of the C. C. Evans cup on their own ground at 6.30 p.m. today (Thursday).

The venue was decided on the toss of a coin between the three clubs at last Friday's seven-a-side competition at Llandovery.

The cup is contested by the nine clubs comprising the C. C. Evans Association of local WRU clubs — Brynaman, Cefneithin, Cwmgors, Cwmllynfell, Llandello, Llandovery, Llandybie and Penygroes.

Llandybie got through with wins against Cwmllynfell and Brynaman.

New Dock complete double

Llandovery 14pts, New Dock Stars 25

NEW DOCK Stars completed the double by defeating Llandovery 25-14 in the West Wales RU Watney Truman Championship Final at Cefneithin, last night.

They are only the seventh club to do so in the Union's 50-year history and now join Loughor, Crynant, Seven Sisters, Pontarddulais, Llandybie and Hendy on that special roll of honour.

The final score does not reflect the true picture of the game, as throughout Llandovery matches the Stars in every phase of the game, except perhaps, at half back, where Phil Johnson and Ian Davies for the Stars had the edge on their Llandovery counterparts.

In previous play-offs, New Dock Stars have enjoyed supremacy up front, but last night the Llandovery eight proved of equal force to them, and at times out-scrummaged the victors.

The college town's ace-kicker, Carwyn Williams, missed three kickable attempts while they could have made more use of their right wing Gareth Davies, the best player on view. Davies, who is the Army scrum-half, is undoubtedly of match-winning quality, with his elusive and strong running.

At the end of normal time, just two points separated the sides with New Dock leading 16-14. But a goal and a penalty goal in injury time put the issue beyond doubt.

At the interval, New Dock led 10-4. Gareth Davies had crossed for a Llandovery try, and Wayne Williams and John de Filippo had scored tries for the Llanelli side, the second of which was converted by Ian Davies.

In the second-half, Carwyn Williams put over two penalties for Llandovery and Gareth Davies got a second try. For the Dock, Micky Howells and Keirion Davies crossed for tries and Ian Davies converted both and added a penalty goal.



Gareth Davies crosses for Llandovery's second try in the WWRU championship final against New Dock Stars. Looking on

(extreme right) is Geraint Williams.
(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordeillo)



Llandovery finish with a flourish

West Wales Rugby Union Section C champions Llandovery, drew the curtains on their centenary year with a solid performance at Llandybie to snatch the C.C. Evans cup with a 23-13 victory.

It was yet another highlight in their birthday celebrations.

But apart from the thrills and spills as persistent Llandybie fought their way back into the reckoning, the match was a victory for sportsmanship. And in this respect both teams shared the credit.

In retrospect, Llandovery won mainly through a sound defence and the excellent work of their back row trio of skipper Alan Walters, Elfyn Jenkins and Dil Augustus, who set up the base for most of their attacks.

Also, Llandybie failed to cash in on the top quality possession they gained, particularly in the second-half when young hooker Stuart Quick, with honest support from Jan Pritchard, took two or three strikes against the head.

EASY TRY

The Llandovery back row found a way through very early when Llandybie passing broke down near their own line. Augustus laid on an easy try for Walters from the ensuing scrum.

Llandybie then laid on some pressure, but far too frequent their movements suffered through lack of support and it was Llandovery who went further ahead with a penalty by ace kicker Carwyn Williams.

This was quickly followed by another try when the back row trio fed blind side wing Dewi Evans who ran over unopposed.

Undaunted by this latest reverse, Llandybie stormed

back and got a fully deserved score when wing David Kyffin fielded his own kick and fed Rowley Phillips. The forward was held up on the line, but hooker Quick was up in support to grab the ball and crash over to reduce arrears.

However, the half closed with Llandovery again well in front through a second penalty goal by Carwyn Williams.

HIT BACK

Chris McAvoy reduced the Llandybie deficit early in the second half with a well struck penalty, but again Llandovery hit back, this time with a rather fortunate try, the ball having been trundled forward on the ground before Carwyn Williams touched it down. Williams also added the extra points.

The highlight of the match came soon afterwards and resulted in a superb try for Llandybie which was engineered by veteran fly-half Clive Roderick whose final pass sent his brother full back Phil, over between the posts to give McAvoy an easy conversion.

But yet again a silly mistake restored the initiative to Llandovery who closed accounts with another penalty goal by Williams to clinch a deserved win.

Llandybie's display, despite the obvious failings, utterly belied the lowly place they finished on the championship table.

Llandovery captain Alan Walters receives the C. C. Evans Cup from Mr. George Llewellyn, chairman of the C. C. Evans

Association after beating Llandybie in a thrilling final. (Photo: John Jenkins, Llandovery





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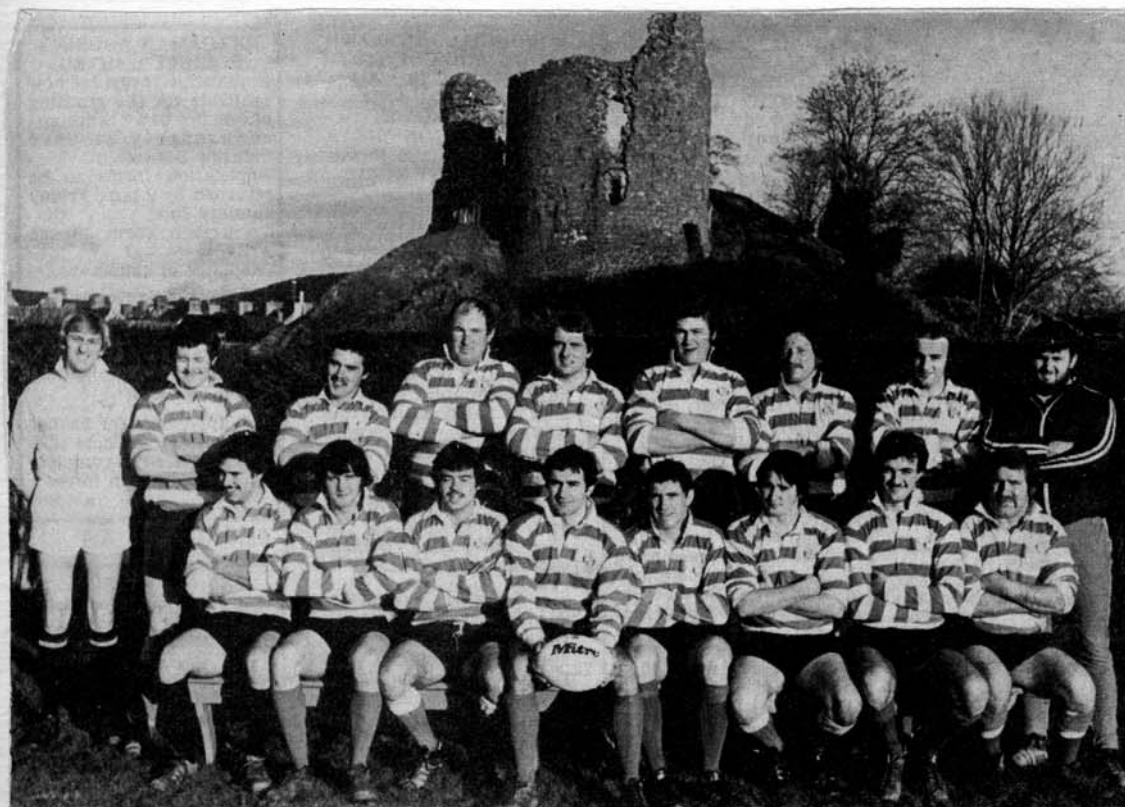
Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams



Llandovery RFC first XV are pictured with the cups and shields they won during their centenary season, 1980-81. Back row, left to right: Martin Davies, Penlan; Danny Griffiths; Noel Page; Nigel Clarke; Dilwyn Augustus; Stuart Fry; Wynn Williams; Ken Milton; Dewi Evans.

Front row, left to right: Wyn Morgan; Malcolm Page; Geraint Williams; Alan Walters (captain); Rusty Jones; Handel Davies; Carwyn Williams; Gareth Williams.

(Photo: John Jenkins, Llandovery)



Llandovery Castle stands behind the Town XV that lost by 20 points to 11 against the British Army last week in a Llandovery Towy Valley centenary match. Back row, left to right: Alan West (referee, Burry Port); Elfyn Jenkins, Wynn Morgan, Stuart Fry, Derek Jones, Wyn Williams,

Rusty Jones, Noel Jones, David Thomas (substitute). Front row, left to right: Alan Morgan, Martin Davies, Geraint Williams, Alan Walters (captain), Gareth Davies, Carwyn Williams, Danny Griffiths, Gareth Williams.

(Photo: John Jenkins, Llandovery)



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Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

Game of Two Halves

Lampeter 7pts. Llandovery 16pts.
THIS second leg of the annual contest between these two clubs for the Bryn Jones Cup was played at Lampeter on Wednesday week under floodlights.

It was a game in which the home side played well for the first twenty minutes, but then went to pieces and allowed the visitors to get back into the picture and not look back. Really it was all Lampeter at the start and then all Llandovery afterwards.

Attempts at penalties and a drop goal went astray, evidently through lack of training for such kicks.

However, it was Lampeter who opened the scoring with a penalty goal by Ieuan Jones. This was soon followed by a good try from Llandovery, who worked the ball well for their strong running full-back to score. The conversion attempt failed.

C. Williams at outside-half for Llandovery was putting in some neat kicks to keep Lampeter's full-back, Richard Young on the move. Richard will have to put more study into the matter of tactical positioning.

NO SURPRISE

It was no surprise when Williams kicked a good penalty to take the visitors into the lead. But this was short-lived, for a good movement by Lampeter led to the ball being worked out to Nigel James on the right wing, who ran up to the full-back, chipped the ball over his head, and raced on to touch down for an unconverted try.

Llandovery were unlucky to lose the service of one of their young backs with a cut eye.

Lampeter were now not getting much of the ball to feed their backs, and Edward Morris was having to work hard in covering defence. Richard Evans was also doing some first class tackling of the Llandovery backs.

The visitors were now throwing the ball about well, but they were not getting through the cover defence, but went ahead again with another penalty by C. Williams.

The final nail in Lampeter's coffin was a try from flanker Nigel Clark, which was converted by Williams.

On the night Llandovery were worthy victors.

WILLIAMS SHINES IN DEFEAT

Maesteg 15pts, Llandovery 12

A rousing performance from their spirited forwards and a masterly exhibition from their star performer, scrum half Carwyn Williams, weren't quite enough to give centenary-celebrating Llandovery the victory over Maesteg they richly deserved.

The highlight of the first half was the superb touch-kicking of Carwyn Williams often gaining 50 yards for his hard-working forwards. The quality of the Llandovery handling and support play was also of the highest order under such slippery conditions.

Llandovery took the lead in the 21st minute when a high kick landed a yard from the Maesteg line and as full back Steve Brown failed to hold it, centre Geraint Williams pounced for the try, converted by brother Carwyn. He put them 9-0 up with a penalty near the interval.

When Carwyn Williams failed to clear from a scrum in the second half, centre Aubrey Evans struck over for a try to give Maesteg the boost they desperately needed. But the visitors were determined to make it their night and Williams landed a superbly-judged, wide-angled penalty.

Maesteg had to raise themselves off the floor again and did so in fine style when Aubrey Evans crossed for a second try following a scissors movement. They drew level when winger Peter Jones crossed for a try following a long-serving run.

As Maesteg piled on the pressure, they took the lead for the first time in the match when full back Steve Brown kicked the winning penalty.

Entertaining game

Centenary-celebrating Llandovery were hosts to a West Wales Rugby Union Vx last night and were beaten 32-18 in an entertaining and open game.

For the home side Carwyn Williams scored 14 of their points with a try, two conversions and two penalty goals. Their other try scorer was Dewi Evans.

For the representative XV tries were scored by David Cole (2), Alan Williams, Peter Davies, Jeff Roach, Joe Bendle and Paul Farrow with Peter Davies converting one and David Cole adding the points to another.

Llandovery take on Scarlets

LLANDOVERY PLAY hosts to Llanelli tonight for the first time in 100 years, writes Malcolm Lewis.

As founder members of the WRU they are celebrating their centenary which appropriately has coincided with one of their most successful seasons.

Under the captaincy of flanker Alan Walters, Llandovery have won promotion for the second successive season to climb into section B of the West Wales RU for the first time.

What is more their seconds have won their section of the Llanelli and District RU, so the club has much to celebrate.

LLANDOVERY: N Clarke, D Evans, A Morgan, G Williams, M Dyer, C Williams, H Davies, R Jones, W Morgan, M Page, N Page, G Williams, A Walters (capt), S Fry, E Jenkins.

LLANELLI: M Gravelle, B Taylor, R Gravelle (capt), R Rees-Evans, D Nicholas, K Thomas, A Jones, I Delaney, H Thomas, C Thomas, D Quinell, A N Other, A Davies, D Evans, N Sanders.

Llandovery 6, Nuneaton 7

Llandovery R.F.C., entertaining Nuneaton in a friendly centenary match on Saturday put up such fierce resistance to a side which had lost only narrowly to Leicester, and in midweek had defeated Moseley, that victory was conceded by only a single point.

At half-time Nuneaton led by an unconverted corner try scored after a passing movement by left wing Steve Savage.

Far from overawed by the strength of the opposition, Llandovery attacked furiously in the second half and took the lead through two penalty goals by Carwyn Williams.

Five minutes from the end, victory was snatched from their grasp by a long distance dropped goal by fly half Graham Rosborough.

If this game, full of entertaining and vintage rugby is a sample of what spectators can expect, the future of Rugby Football in Llandovery is assured for a long time to come.

surrender

LLANDOVERY 11 PTS, BRITISH ARMY 20

Llandovery, playing a strong Army XV in a friendly match last Saturday to celebrate their centenary, did well to hold the visitors to a six points to three score-line at half-time.

During the first-half Sgt. Tony Higgs scored a try, converted by Capt. Atkinson, and Llandovery's Carwyn Williams replied with a penalty goal.

In the second half the Army, taking advantage of good possession from a powerful pack opened out the game and delightful three-quarter play resulted in two tries, a conversion by Lt. Atkinson and an unconverted try by Lt. Dixon.

Although somewhat outplayed during this period Llandovery were not entirely subdued by this barrage of tries and a series of counter attacks led to an unconverted try by Noel Jones and another, a minute from time, by scrum-half Gareth Davies.

Scarlets in festive mood cross for seven tries

By MALCOLM LEWIS

Llandovery 23pts, Llanelli 34

LLANELLI JOINED in the Llandovery centenary celebrations by paying their first visit to this historic club to play festival rugby which matched the occasion.

Seven tries rippled from the Scarlet runners as backs and forwards alike joined in smooth handling attacks which fully tested the quality of the home side's defence.

The challenge they threw was readily accepted by Llandovery, who kept in touch at the interval through a hat-trick of penalty goals by their record scoring outside half Carwyn Williams.

They followed up with three splendid tries, two of them in as many minutes, to show Llanelli that they, too, could run and handle when given the chance.

Three first-half tries by centre Aled Davies and wings Rowland Rees-Evans and Bledwyn Taylor were the reward for the enterprise of the Llanelli backs, skilfully spearheaded by half backs Anthony Jones and Kevin Thomas.

Ray Gravelle, searching eagerly for midfield gaps, confidently threatened to whip through. When he did so, with one of the most spectacular breaks from inside his own half, Rees-Evans was on hand to finish it off with a strong run to the line.

Battled

Llandovery battled back with great determination. They even got to within a point of their opponents soon after the restart when wing Dewi Evans got over in the corner for the first of his two tries.

Llanelli pulled ahead with tries by full back Martin Gravelle, who dummed his way over the line, scrum half Anthony Jones, who went over at the back of a lineout, and hooker David Evans.

This was the signal for a sudden spurt by Llandovery, which brought tries by centre Alan Morgan and another for Dewi Evans as a result of excellent approach work by the backs.

By converting one of the tries the Llandovery outside half took his total for the season to 299 and so, with one game to go, he should be able to round off with a treble century.

Llanelli forwards Derek Quinell and Charles Thomas joined in the running with a relish, but in the effort to score they were always snuffed out by accurately tackling defenders, who were set a splendid example by the back row of Alan Walters, Ken Milton and Stuart Fry.

LLANELLI: Tries, Bledwyn Taylor (2), Aled Davies, Rowland Rees-Evans, Martin Gravelle, Anthony Jones, David Evans; conversions, Kevin Thomas (2), Gravelle.

LLANDOVERY: Tries, Dewi Evans (2), Alan Morgan; penalty goals (3) and conversion, Carwyn Williams.



Llandovery RFC Team Records Early 1980s CGW01

Courtesy Carwyn and Geraint Williams

THURSDAY, APRIL 30th, 1981

Llandovery race to sevens win

Llandovery gave their fans a special treat last Friday by winning the C. C. Evans seven-a-side competition in hand-some style on their own ground.

And in their progress to the presentation they amassed a total of 68 points in just two games.

The only points registered against them came in the final, their opponents, Llandybie scoring 14.

However, apart from the performance of each of the finalists, the tournament failed to produce the quality sevens of previous years.

In fact the competition was given a poor start by the failure of two clubs — Cwmllynfell and Llandello — to appear. As a consequence the first kick off was considerably delayed.

However, sufficient evidence was seen in Llandovery's technique to mark them out as possible winners of this Saturday's WRU District F tournament at Llandybie.

Judging by their powerful performance it will take a very good team to stop them repeating their success of two seasons ago and add the John Dorian Thomas Memorial trophy to their already impressive collection in their centenary year.

The C. C. Evans sevens competition was sponsored by Eddie Knight Transport Company and plaques will be presented to the winners by Mr. Knight at a clubhouse function.

The cup was presented to Llandovery by Mr. George Llewellyn, chairman of the C. C. Evans Association.

FIRST ROUND

Ammanford 12 pts,
Penygroes 6

Martin Edwards gave Ammanford the lead with a smart try which Glanedd Davies converted.

Gareth Rees missed a golden opportunity to cut the deficit when he put his foot in touch, before Alan Wilcox raced over from his own 22 giving Adrian Lewis an easy conversion to level the scores.

Ammanford struck again however, with a try by Paul Ladd Thomas, with Davies adding the extra points.

Brynaman Nil,
Llandybie 14 pts.

Chris McAvoy opened accounts for Llandybie with a neatly taken try, and added another in the second half which he also converted.

At this stage Brynaman's exit was imminent and when Dylan James crossed for another Llandybie try the result was beyond doubt.

Cefneithin 6 pts,
Cwmgors Nil

Both teams were evenly matched throughout this encounter, and only a try by Cennydd Morgan which Barry Price converted stood between them at the final whistle.

SEMI FINALS

Ammanford 4 pts,
Llandybie 22

Llandybie raced to a 12 points lead in the first half with tries by Brian James and Dylan James, both of which were converted by Chris McAvoy.

Martin Edwards reduced arrears for Ammanford during a brief purple patch, but two more tries by Dylan James, one of which was converted by McAvoy, took Llandybie into the final.

Cefneithin Nil
Llandovery 40 pts.

It soon became obvious that Llandovery were far too powerful for a gallant Cefneithin seven, and after star scrum half Gareth Davies had crossed for their first try, the result was a foregone conclusion.

Wyn Morgan got the second, and Carwyn Williams, who raced over for their third try converted both to give Llandovery a 16 points lead at half time.

The pressure continued in the second period and yielded four more glorious tries by Alan Morgan (2), Nigel Clarke and Carwyn Williams, three of which were converted by Williams and one by Alan

Seven-a-side champions



Carwyn Williams, Alan Morgan, Geraint Williams and Gareth Davies.
(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordello)

Llandovery, winners of the C.C. Evans Sevens. The team that took the field was: — Nigel Clarke, Wyn Morgan, Dil August,

Morgan.

THE FINAL

Gareth Davies set the Llandovery wheels in motion with an excellent try, and a minute later he drew two defenders into the tackle to send Wyn Morgan over unopposed. Carwyn Williams converted both tries, the latter with a magnificent kick from the touchline.

Llandybie hit back with a try by Brian James, but before the interval Llandovery struck another hammer blow when Alan Morgan broke a tackle to crash over for their third try which Williams again converted.

When Gareth Davies added his second try early in the second half Llandybie were faced with a severe uphill task. But they responded well to the example of veteran Mel Leech, and Dylan James, their best player on the day went over to cut the deficit.

Llandovery then hammered home the final nail with a try by Nigel Clarke, and when Phil Roderick — who came on in the final as replacement for injured Neil Jones — crossed for Llandybie's third try the match had already been won and lost.



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The Llandovery XV which played the Llanelli District Union in a match to celebrate the club's centenary. Back Row L-R: Wynn Williams; Meirion Dyer; Tony Williams; Gareth-Wyn Price; Dewi Evans; Stuart Fry; Noel Page; Elfyn Jenkins; Nigel Clarke; Alan Morgan and Trainer Ernest Prosser. Front Row L-R: Martin Davies Penlan; Malcolm Page; Geraint Williams; Alan Walters, Captain; Carwyn Williams; Wynn Morgan and Rusty Jones.

(photo: John Jenkins.)



Llandybie did well in the C. C. Evans sevens before coming up against Llandovery in the final. Their squad was: Phil Roderick, Dylan James, Brian James,

Stewart Quick, Chris McAvoy, Wyn Williams, Alan Hillard and Mel Leech.

(Photo: R. Firstbrook, Manordeilo)



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Former Wales and British Lions rugby star Gerald Davies (right) presents a cheque for £12,347 to Mr. Eifion Morgan, chairman of centenary celebrating, Llandovery RFC. The Sports Council for Wales grant will help towards the

purchase and legal fees of a new club ground. Looking on are players and officials,
(Richard Firstbrook, Manordeilo)