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cardiff - 38.5

swansea - 13.5

Another Year, Another Cardiff Welsh Varsity Win: A Day of Supporting and Spectating Cardiff University

Mia Coley
Contributor

Another year, another Cardiff University Welsh Varsity win! Varsity is always the highlight of my year, and with Cardiff hosting this year, it was incredibly special. As a final year student, I was focused on soaking up every moment of the day, and I truly made some amazing memories. So, here is how the day went, both supporting and spectating.

As soon as you stepped foot into Sophia Gardens, you could feel the excitement in the air: a sea of mingling green and red, amazing homemade signs, and some incredible chants of support for both Cardiff and Swansea. The first sport I went to watch was the men's hockey game. Though it was one of the earlier morning fixtures, the atmosphere did not disappoint. The crowd filled in on both sides, bringing cheers and chants to support their respective teams, and the excitement only grew as both teams warmed up on the pitch. Cardiff Men's hockey team put on an incredible display of talent from the start, not letting Swansea's team get a look in at a single goal. With a final score of 4–0 to Cardiff, the men's team celebrated their win to the sound of cheers of joy from supporters, having made their university enormously proud.

Next up was back-to-back basketball games, starting with the women's game. Last year, the team had an incredible win over Swansea, but this time round Cardiff Women's just could not get the win. The team put up a great fight and it was a close match—amazing to watch as a spectator. Swansea Women's got into their flow, scoring point after point, and staying ahead of Cardiff until the final whistle, snatching a point for Swansea University's final score. Both teams played very well, and it was a highlight to watch such talented players.

Then I stayed in my seat as the Sport Wales main hall court was filled with the Men's basketball teams from Swansea and Cardiff. From the moment both teams got on court, the anticipation was palpable. The first quarter saw Swansea take the lead, but Cardiff were able to take the lead back, keeping hold of it until the final whistle. There were many incredible shots, some brilliant defence and the spectators were hooked until the very end. The game truly had me on the edge of my seat as Cardiff Men's team always stayed just ahead of Swansea Men's, with a final score of 79–56 to Cardiff





CUFC Celebrate Their 3-2 Victory Against Swansea

Grace D'Souza
Sport Editor

It was a great day for the men's football team after they won 3–2 at Varsity on Wednesday.

The team looked strong in the pre-match warm-ups; it was clear they were ready for the big match against their Welsh rivals. They walked on with confidence, kicking off the game with a strong attack. It did not take long for the first goal to get scored, with CUFC scoring in the fifth minute. The goal scorer, Number 8 Harry Trehame, scored a superb goal. Swansea counter-attacked quickly, with their Number 11 scoring the vital equaliser in the seventh minute. Cardiff were keen to be back on top after the Swansea equaliser. In the ninth minute Cardiff's Number 11, Alex Roder, had a great chance with the Swansea goalkeeper at full stretch.

The majority of the first half of the game was filled with strong attacks. In the 30th minute, CUFC's number 9, Giles Basson, was taken down by the Swansea defender. Cardiff were awarded a free kick for this, blocked by a strong Swansea defence.

At half time, the score was 1–1, with the best players being awarded to Alex Roder and Giles Basson. As soon as the second half kicked off, Cardiff were pressing high up the pitch. In the 60th minute, Dan Lewis, Cardiff Number 20, made a brilliant pass to Giles Basson, who made an excellent attempt at the goal. Unfortunately for Cardiff, the Swansea goalkeeper made a brilliant save. Swansea tried to counter-attack but Cardiff's defence was too strong. In the 67th minute, Alex Roder scored the second goal for Cardiff and 3 minutes later, Cardiff's number 24, Kori Parker, scores Cardiff's third goal. Cardiff were on fire!

However, things took a U-turn in the 77th minute as Swansea were awarded a controversial penalty, which brought the scoreline to 3-2. It was a tense thirteen minutes, and Swansea were desperate for an equaliser, but they never got it. Cardiff were victorious over Swansea, with the full-time score being 3–2!



“Have you Ever Seen Swansea Score a Try?” Cardiff Thrash Swansea at Women’s Rugby

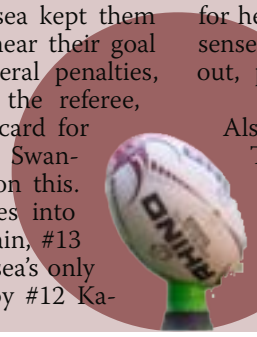
Bridgid Chanen
Spotlight Editor

Have you ever seen Swansea score a try?” was the chant that rang through the stands of the Principality during the first half of the women’s rugby at Welsh Varsity. The answer to that question for the duration of the first half would be a resounding no.

Up 78–0 at half-time, Cardiff was absolutely electric, reaping the rewards of an incredible effort put into a season of BUCs super rugby. This match highlighted that, despite a tough season against incredible opposition, Cardiff is well deserving of their spot amongst the best of the best. Cardiff Women’s Rugby is the league above Swansea, and it is very apparent in their standard of play. Their pace, handling and communication was unmatched by Swansea throughout, highlighting how much they’ve improved from last season. The coaching staff and team leadership of Captain, Claudia Harrison, and Vice Captain, Cadi Williams, have truly invested in building a squad that is both confident and cohesive on and off the pitch.

Cardiff’s back line ran circles around Swansea, managed by Vice Captain #10 Cadi Williams and #9 Lucy Senneck. These players both have an unmatched eye for space on the pitch and are key to Cardiff’s bold, patient, and fast-paced style of play. Third year fullback, Cara Ottoway, showed composure under pressure and kept the ball alive in the wide channel. Powerful runners like #13 Jocelyn Stirzaker and #11 Karolina Thomas ensured the ball got over the line—both scoring and assisting several tries.

Cardiff’s forwards played an equally quick game with standout line breaks across the pack, including #2 Ella Oldfield, #6 Lily Jones, #3 Anna Davies, #4 Olivia Price, and Captain #1 Claudia Harrison. All final-year students, these players experience showed with massive line breaks, rapid ruck turnovers and outstanding support play. A particularly standout performance was put in by Cardiff’s #8, Gabriela Della-Savina, who has been a key player for Cardiff since joining the club last year—and the same was true today. In attack, her pace and offloading skills kept Cardiff on the front foot and ultimately put her in for a try. In defence, she proved why she’s been Cardiff’s top tackler this season, making some incredible try-saving tackles on the edge of the pitch. To give credit to Swansea, they kept their heads high, despite the massive scoreline, and were able to rattle Cardiff’s stellar performance for parts of the second half. Approximately fifty minutes in, Cardiff’s discipline faltered as Swansea kept them under pressure defending near their goal line. Cardiff conceded several penalties, received stern talks from the referee, and were shown a yellow card for an intentional knock-on. Swansea managed to capitalise on this. Approximately sixty minutes into the match, Swansea’s Captain, #13 Anna Stowell, scored Swansea’s only try which was converted by #12 Katie French. Just as Cardiff’s carded player was coming back on, Cardiff was shown another yellow card for repeated penalties from the same player following warnings.



Despite these momentary lapses, Cardiff did not leave Swansea’s try unanswered. This half showcased the incredible depth of Cardiff University’s women’s rugby club with usual second team players making their Varsity debut and putting in an incredible performance. Cardiff’s 2s won their cup and league following an undefeated season, and these players were more than ready to square up to a more challenging opposition, especially as many of them had earned caps in the Bucs Super Rugby earlier this season. In the number 10 spot, #21 Mari Hefin showcased composure and keen rugby intelligence, maintaining the fast pace of play set by Vice Captain- #10 Cadi Williams in the first half. On the wing, #22 Zoe Jones maintained the incredible support play that enabled Cardiff’s fantastic performance and made metres with some hard running. #23 Zoe Cross, was an absolute standout, with a hat trick—meaning three tries—for Cardiff, crossing the line for her third and final try after having the sense to pick and go from a ruck 5 metres out, putting Swansea on the back foot.

Also with a hat trick was #11 Karolina Thomas and player of the match #13 Jocelyn Stirzaker who scored a whopping five tries. There was a well deserved Player of the Match award for Jocelyn Stirzaker, who put up an incredible performance in both attack and defence, not only putting the ball over the line, but setting up several of her teammates to do so. Ultimately, an impressive performance from Cardiff University women’s rugby to celebrate the hard work of an entire season. Final score: Cardiff 114, Swansea 7.



Cardiff Crush Weakened Swansea – Men’s Rugby Analysis

Luke James
Contributor

It was the perfect occasion, the perfect stadium. The Principality was rocking, and at the end Cardiff came out on top. 69–0. Revenge. Victory. What better way to do it than in the hallowed home of Welsh rugby, with the clear blue sky above and the chants and cheers of the crowd. The cacophony of noises that erupted whenever a huge tackle was made, a try was scored, or a conversion was missed deafened your ears, and put a huge smile on your face. It was not only a rugby match, it was an exhibition of a brilliant university rivalry.

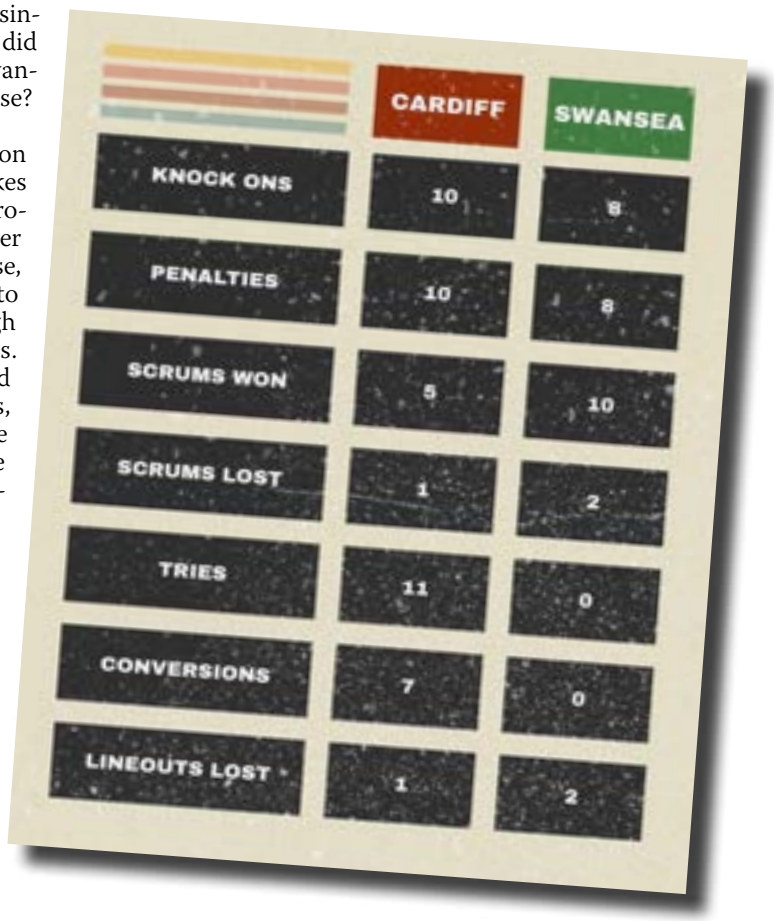
But at the end of the day, we have to look at the real story—how on earth did Cardiff demolish Swansea and nil them?

Firstly, we have to look at Cardiff’s defence. Their use of a “blitz” style rush defence, which narrows down attacking options and forces play to the centre of the field, meant that Swansea could not make meters out wide. This left them scrapping and desperate for any kind of success and eventually led to pick and go charges at least 10 metres from the Cardiff try line. By repeatedly shutting down Swansea’s attack, Cardiff frustrated Swansea, and limited their options, often leading to either over- or undercooked kicks, some of which were far from thought out. Although a couple of the undercooked ones were retained, the positioning was awful and often led to a dominant tackle, putting Swansea on the backfoot. When Swansea had the ball, they had no ability to form a properly threatening attack. By the end, they looked lost. Possession was also highly limited for Swansea. This was not just because of Cardiff.

Swansea made a lot of mistakes, giving away eight penalties, eight knock-ons, and even kicked the ball dead into touch on kick-off.

All this did was give Cardiff a huge attacking platform, and they took every opportunity they got. Stunning tries from MacDonald and Popple (who was announced as player of the match), in particular, boosted Cardiff’s spirit and showed how quickly they can turn defence into attack. When Cardiff held the ball and ran, as well as kicked tactically, they converted 90% of their opportunities. Antione Lere, the Cardiff fullback, who has just returned from injury, provided some excellent kicking behind Swansea’s line, pushing them onto the backfoot. After scrambling for the ball, Swansea often cleared poorly, allowing huge territory gains for Cardiff. Although Cardiff fumbled one lineout, the rest were consistent, and they stole a couple from Swansea, with one even leading to a try. When Swansea had an attacking maul on Cardiff’s 5-metre line, they were held up, and the maul failed. Their set piece, unlike last year, was abysmal. They gave away two scrum penalties and lost two of their own lineouts. All of this compounded in Swansea being unable to make any meters off the set piece, as well as costing them possession and stunting any attack.Both sides were scrappy at the rucks, with players holding on and shoving each other, but none of these events were penalised. However, both sides were far from well disciplined. Cardiff gave away eleven penalties, and Swansea conceded eight. Yet ill discipline did not cost Cardiff a single point. So how did they breeze past Swansea with such ease?

Cardiff capitalised on Swansea’s mistakes and thrived in broken play. Whenever the ball was loose, Cardiff managed to find a way through Swansea’s defences. They also targeted Swansea’s wingers, playing the ball wide and making huge territorial gains repeatedly. Swansea did well with some big hits to try subdue Cardiff, but it didn’t work. This was Swansea’s B side, as their A team was playing Brunel to stay in BUCS Super Rugby. But this B side looked out of place, and unaware of their shape and strengths. Cardiff were not perfect, but they capitalised on every opportunity, and Swansea failed to capitalise on anything. It was most certainly a day to forget for Swansea, but a day of absolute glory for Cardiff.





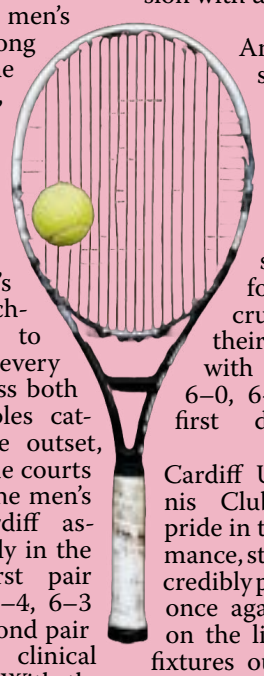




Game, Set, Sweep: Cardiff Cleans Up at Tennis

Sean Killen
Contributor

Cardiff University served up a Varsity masterclass over the weekend, dominating Swansea with a 10–2 overall win in this year's highly anticipated tennis showdown. With a clean 6–0 sweep in the men's fixtures and a strong 4–2 victory in the women's matches, Cardiff proved once again that they are a force to be reckoned with on the court.



The Cardiff men's team were untouchable from start to finish, winning every single match across both singles and doubles categories. From the outset, the intensity on the courts was palpable. In the men's competition, Cardiff asserted control early in the doubles. The first pair secured a solid 6–4, 6–3 win, while the second pair delivered a more clinical 6–2, 6–1 victory. With the tone set, the singles players carried the momentum forward. Each of the four men's singles matches was won convincingly, with scores of 6–2, 6–3; 7–6, 6–1; 6–2, 6–3; and 6–2, 6–2.

Tensions were particularly high during the men's singles matches, where the atmosphere turned electric. The Cardiff crowd created a wall of noise, jeering and clapping between points, which added pressure to the visiting side. At one point, the Swansea coach was overheard instructing his player to "beat him by the baseline", in a bid to shift tactics mid-match. However Cardiff's players, backed by the energy of the home fans, rose to the occasion with unwavering focus.

Among the standout performances was Mia Faulkner, a third-year econ student, and Annie Rodgers, a pharmacology student in her fourth year, who cruised through their singles match with a convincing 6–0, 6–1 win in their first doubles match.

Cardiff University's Tennis Club shared their pride in the team's performance, stating: "We are incredibly proud of our team once again leaving it all on the line. Some tough fixtures out there, but all players gave it their all and came out the other side with some absolutely outrageous tennis being played from our side of the net."

From power serves to baseline battles, this year's Tennis Varsity was a testament to Cardiff's athletic depth and teamwork. With performances like these, the future of university tennis in the capital looks stronger than ever.

Commiserations for CULF as Swansea Reign Triumphant with a 3–1 Win

Grace D'Souza
Sport Editor

After a very good BUCS season, CULF lost to our bitter rivals Swansea at Llanrumney. As CULF walked onto the pitch, the crowds were cheering loudly, which is always nice to see at Welsh Varsity. The fans were right behind the team throughout the match. In the first five minutes, CULF were dominating. CULF's Number 9 Libby Friel made some incredible runs and had a great attack. Swansea's backline struggled to keep her out of the box. The first shot for CULF came from Friel. It went just wide of the right post.

It was clear that Swansea were not expecting Libby to press high up the pitch. Swansea got their wake-up call early on and their attack was strong. CULF struggled to keep Swansea out of the box. In the 13th minute Swansea's Number 10 went for goal—they hit the post and tried to go for a rebound, but CULF's goalkeeper Sofia Pittortou made an incredible save to keep the goal out the back of the net. CULF's lucky escape was no more, as in the 16th minute Swansea got the vital opening goal. CULF were desperate for an equaliser. CULF's Number 16 Libby Veitch made an immediate impact as she went for goal and it went just wide. Jemima, the Number 20 also went for goal, but once again it went narrowly wide. The Number 2 and Number 21 Ellie and Luana were incredible, forcing Swansea to kick the ball out of play numerous times. In the 30th minute, Swansea's Number 7 made a very dangerous tackle on CULF's Number 16 Libby Veitch. The fans did not like that at all—and neither did the referee, as she got yellow carded.

When Swansea's Number 7 went to get the ball for a throw-in, she was continuously booed by the Cardiff fans. In the 31st and the 34th minutes, Swansea scored two goals. The Greens completely rubbed salt into the Reds' open wounds. Going down 3–0 at half-time was definitely not the plan, but Cardiff did the absolute best they could have done.

The second half kicked off with Freya coming on for Luana. Freya, the Number 11 for CULF, made an immediate impact. In the 47th minute, Freya got taken down in the box by Swansea's Number 3. The referee pointed to the spot and it was a penalty for CULF! The captain and Number 10 for CULF Hannah Foulkes stepped up to the spot and put the ball in the back of the net. The score was 3-1.

CULF picked up momentum but Swansea's defence were very strong, in particular their Number 15. Unfortunately, the Swansea side were just better.



Swansea Edges Cardiff in Novice Rowing Races

Aimee Szulczewski
Head of Sport

In a dramatic day on the River Taff last Saturday, Swansea University came out on top in both the men's and women's novice races at the 2025 Welsh Varsity Boat Race, despite Cardiff's strong performances and determination under chaotic conditions.

Following impressive showings at WEHoRR and HoRR last month, Cardiff's novice A crews were well prepared and motivated to make a difference at Varsity. A sizeable Cardiff and Swansea crowd made their way down to the course, lining the banks and bringing plenty of noise and spirit to cheer on their teams.

The women's novice race turned into a test of pure grit. After choosing the Grangetown side (the natural advantage), the game faces were on and they were determined to beat out the Swans. Unfortunately, midway through the race, one of the seats came loose, flying off and striking the rower behind. Leaving Poppy Hemming to row the final stretch seatless, forced to slide across metal with each stroke. Things only got worse when on the final stretch, just as the race was set up to be won, the Cardiff crew collided with a swan, causing an unexpected and jarring halt to their race. Despite all of this chaos, the crew powered on. Swansea capitalised on the disruption, pulling ahead and claiming their first victory of the day.

No matter the unexpected issues, the novice women crew came off with smiling faces and were happy to say they raced.

The men's novice race was no less intense. Both crews battled neck-and-neck until Cardiff caught a crab—a rowing mishap that jolted the boat and broke their rhythm. Swansea seized the opportunity and gained crucial distance. The Cardiff crew were cheered on by the crowd, as they carried on with power, determined to gain back the distance and possibly go for the win. As the boats pushed through the brutal headwinds, turning the closing stretch into a brutal slog, Swansea crossed the line first, sealing their third novice men's Varsity win.

The event showcased not just rowing ability, but character. Both novice Cardiff crews displayed incredible resilience under pressure, refusing to fold in the face of swans, seat mishaps, high winds, and hard racing. Varsity continues to be a cornerstone of Welsh university rowing, offering novice rowers their first taste of high stakes head-to-head racing. Swansea may have won this time, but the rivalry is far from over. Cardiff will have their shot at redemption soon, with BUCS Regatta weekend fast approaching.

Senior Women Give Cardiff Rowing Club Hope of a Varsity Comeback

Daisy Mansfield
Contributor

After the series of unfortunate events in the Novice races, the afternoon began in hope for Cardiff to achieve a comeback in the varsity rowing races.

Despite Swansea winning the Grangetown line in the coin toss (the favourable racing line) the Senior Women were ready to race. All 8 Senior Women walked confidently down the slipway and onto the water with the CURC president, Lucy Billington, as the cox. The spectators crowded round on Clarence road bridge in anticipation. The crowd exploded into a roar of "Yeah Cardiff!" as the Cardiff boat steamed ahead around the corner. Perfectly in time, the boat appeared to effortlessly fly across the water. Followed shortly by the Swansea boat and the launch boats coming in behind them. The boost of the crowd allowed the Senior Women to confidently hold their lead all the way to the finish line. Our first win of the day was won by an impressive 3.5 lengths. Let's go Cardiff!

Last up were the Senior Men, after Swansea's coin toss win, the Cardiff men were on the Grangetown side of the river (the preferable line). However, after a seat swap due to injury in the Cardiff boat, Swans had the natural advantage of a better practised crew. Therefore, as the boats pushed under Clarence bridge, the swans were powering ahead. This lead was kept for the rest of the 2km stretch. However, the Cardiff men continued to press through the gruelling race with no major mistake all the way to the finish line. Despite the Swansea win, the Senior Men did not lose by a dramatic gap, so all the Cardiff supporters were extremely proud of their efforts despite their crew disadvantage.

Celebrations for the Senior Women's win began with the tradition of throwing coxes into the river. Lucy Billington, the CURC President, was the first to take the plunge followed by many of the Novice coxes, Senior coxes and some hilarious accidental dips by crew members. Despite the Swansea overall victory, the day was a celebration of sportsmanship and a love of rowing, enjoyed by all attendees.

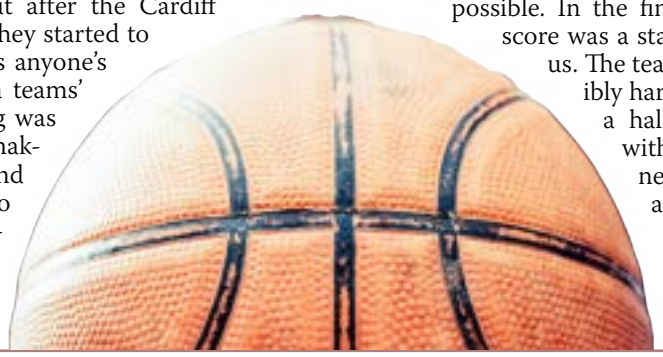
Better luck next year Cardiff!

Another Win for the Dragons: Men's Basketball

Emily Jo Cottle
Head of Review

While many were outside taking in the sun, some of us were inside the Sport Wales National Centre watching the basketball. Despite the heat of so many packed bodies in one room, and having to initially sit on the stairs between chairs, the energy in the room was palpable. The Cardiff supporters absolutely overpowered the Swansea side—so much so that many spectators, like me, were placed on enemy lines.

While this meant I was victim to sitting amidst the Swans chanting, it did mean that I got a good view of Cardiff celebrating after each electric shot. At the beginning, as nerves were heightened there were many instances of obstructions and a fair few free throws for each team. This proved that both teams equally wanted the win and were anxious to get it—even if it meant a bit of contact, some impressive falls, and proclaiming injury for penalties. Early on, Swansea took a healthy lead, but after the Cardiff team had settled, they started to equalise and it was anyone's game to win. Both teams' standard of playing was incredible, from making jump shots and layups look easy to the insane distances they were successfully scoring long-range shots.



While there were a few standout players on Swansea's side, Cardiff's team overall had consistently good players and each rotation of players made no difference to the quality of their play.

Our Cardiff team is an impressive group of individuals, and their communication on the pitch was definitely a central factor in their success. Even when our players were sitting on the sidelines, they were either ready to go on or in full support of the players on the court. As the second half began, it was evident that Cardiff had taken a good lead and it would be difficult for Swansea to catch up. Despite this, Swansea did give it their best, and their team did achieve some incredible shots even after the win was out of sight. Swansea have an impressive team, and last year they took the win from us, so this year it was only right that on our turf we gave them a run for their money.

By the end, there was no coming back for the Swans, and the Dragons took the opportunity in the last 15 minutes to get as many shots as possible. In the final moments, the score was a staggering 79–56 to us. The team worked incredibly hard for an hour and a half in a hot room with a tough opponent. An obvious and deserved win in the end, but no doubt an incredibly entertaining match to watch.

Student Media at Varsity

Adam Gaston
Contributor

As head of our student TV station this year I had the pleasure of taking my team to the Principality Stadium to watch the 27th Edition of the Welsh Varsity Rugby.

An announcement came in just the night before where we found out we would have the opportunity to film at the home of Welsh rugby. Full press access to the media room, press box, and even pitch side on the hallowed turf.

Cardiff took Swansea to the cleaners, winning all three games in Freshers, Women's and Men's rugby in a vibrant day of student atmosphere and sporting achievement.

For Student Media there was no time for boozy 9am social starts, as we turned up to the media gate for the opportunity of a lifetime. The excitement was palpable. Opportunities like this for amateur filmmakers don't come around very often. My team of eight people had a blast! The experience and hospitality we were given was phenomenal.

We filmed match highlights and social media content for all three games, capturing the atmosphere of the day from the fans (including the Swansea fans we were surrounded by in our press area), as well as the players, on what was a special day for them as well.

Conducting pre-match, half-time, and post-match highlights, as well as interviews with players, allowed us to capture comprehensive coverage which will now go into postproduction. My team were fantastic on the day!

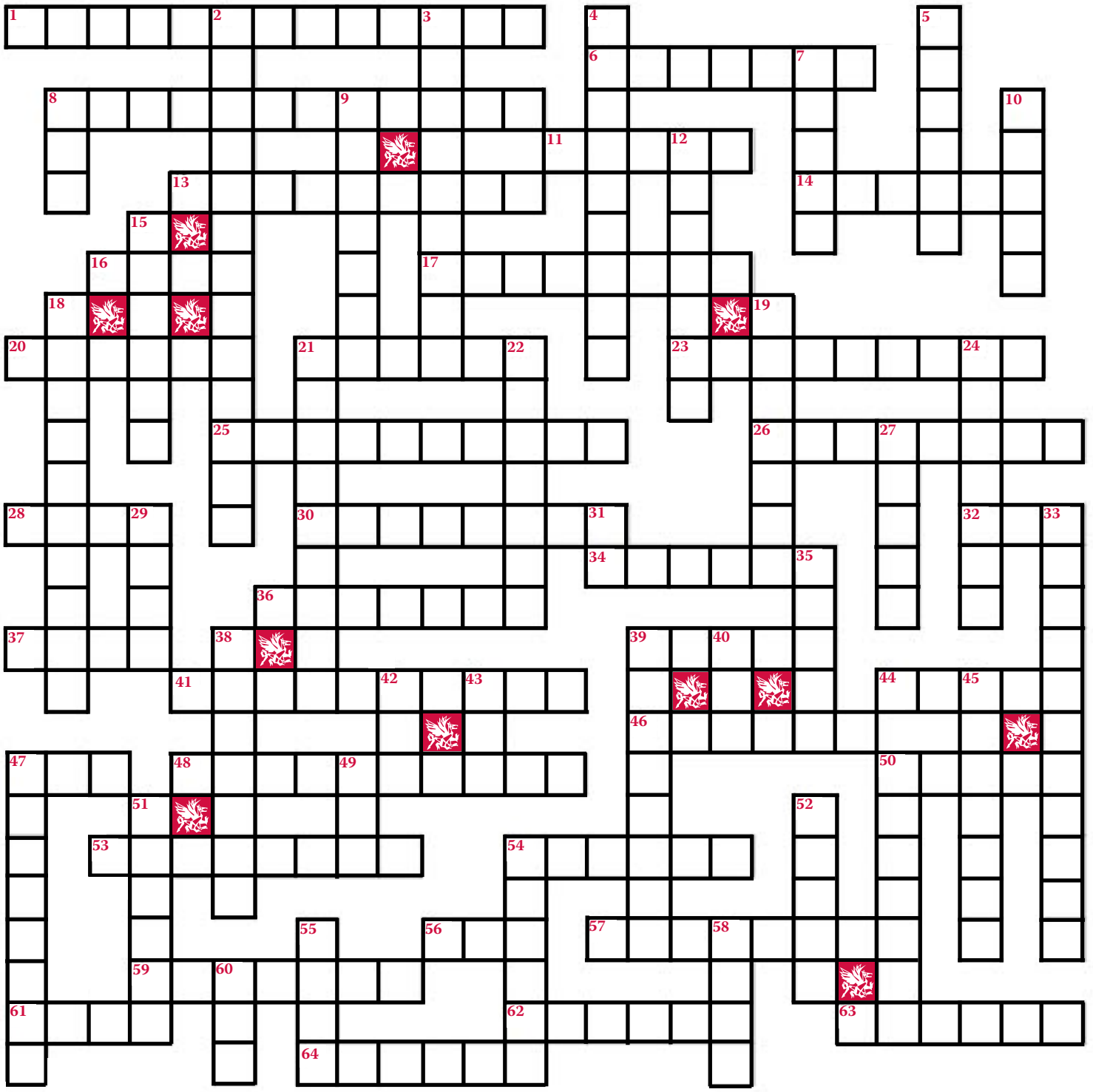
With Xpress Radio on commentary and Gair Rhydd reporting match events alongside us, it was a real defining moment for Cardiff Student Media in gaining real experience on such a grand stage. A beautiful moment of gratification for the hard work all of these incredibly creative students have put in this year.

A personal highlight of mine was being on the pitch at the end with your very own editor-in-chief Annabelle Lee, the brilliant Xpress Radio Manager Ben Lewis, and my good friend and rugby fanatic (a bit like myself) Luke James. As the crowd filtered out, we absorbed what had been a great day for Student Media and ourselves as aspiring media professionals, in the wonderful stage of the Principality Stadium.

Sport-Themed Edition!

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1. Soccer proposal? (8, 5)
6. Event for which you must take a bow (7)
8. Squat, bench press, deadlift (12)
11. Tennis starter (5)
13. Birdies fly back and forth in it (9)
14. _____ Day (6)
16. Football division? (4)
17. What an angry Frenchman is? (8)
20. Bowler's target (6)
21. Court proceeding with its advantages (6)
23. South Korea's national sport (9)
25. Equine event (10)
26. Moving up in this world? (8)
28. Court offence (4)
30. Three-pointer (3, 5)
32. Prerequisite for 50 Down (3)
34. Legally positioned to play (6)
36. Sport played in alleys (7)
37. Place for a pad (4)
39. Someone who can take a joke (5)
41. Mental _____ (10)
44. Biathlete's weapon (5)
46. Indoor five-person footy (6)
47. Paid player (3)
48. Shooter's target (4, 6)
50. Rapids transit (5)
53. Baseball's kin (8)
54. Off-the-wall activity (6)
56. Ball bearer in golf (3)
57. Task that presents no difficulty (4, 4)
59. Reason for a tennis reserve (7)
61. Chequered in F1 (4)
62. A specialist at saving (6)
63. Swimming motion (6)
64. Sport requiring some chops (6)

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2. Physical well-being in the sky? (6, 7)
3. Ironman's test (9)
4. Collared shirt worn by swimmers? (5, 4)
5. Subpar performance (6)
7. League or union (5)
8. Shot-___ (3)
9. The Ultimate sport (7)
10. Par plus one; a snack for some (5)
12. Principal institution-repping team (7)
15. Aggressive takedown; lure, line, etc. (6)
18. 14 Across with a kick (10)
19. Referee's gift to a serious infringer (3, 4)
21. American try analogue (9)
22. Employs the wind (7)
24. Basketball bounce (7)
27. Fire-starter, literally or figuratively (5)
29. Tennis zero (4)
31. Boxer's goal (2)
33. Played on the first half of its name (5, 6)
35. Time added (5)
38. Pedal sport (7)
39. Fawning interviewer's question (8)
40. Umpire's call (3)
42. Polish surname ending (3)
43. Canadian hockey site (3)
45. En garde! (7)
47. Games for selecting the last team for promotion (8)
49. Golfing average (3)
50. Chirpy creature (7)
51. First Varsity event that's making waves (6)
52. Rugby get-together (5)
54. Cricket insult; hill descender (6)
55. Grouping for wolves and forwards (4)
58. Track and field competition (4)
60. Draw (3)