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WELCOME



MARK JONES

HEAD COACH

Being part of the U20 World Rugby Championship is going to be a huge honour for both the management and players of the Welsh team.

The eyes of the world are going to be on us and it's such an exciting opportunity for the players, management and us as a Welsh nation to show the world what we have to offer at this level.

We want to go to South Africa and showcase Welsh talent on the international stage and illustrate how much we have grown as a group since the U20 Six Nations.

I have no doubt it will be an exciting championship as the teams gather from around the world for the first time since 2019.

The global pandemic certainly made its presence felt on the rugby fields around the world and no less so in Wales. We endured a 'hard' lockdown which means some of our players nearly lost two years of their playing careers. This championship will be the first opportunity for our players to experience a 'World Cup'

away from home for any length of time.

A big part of your growth as a rugby player is to be able to go away and play in nice countries, sometimes culturally challenging countries and I suppose South Africa is both of those things.

You'll get a real mix of challenges on and off the field. The guys will get to see a great city, they'll get to see a real diverse culture and how they conduct themselves on and off the field, how they behave as professionals will give a good indicator of their growth moving forward.

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2023

The World Rugby U20 Championship returns in 2023 for the first time since the pandemic. South Africa will host the 12-team U20 Championship from 24 June to 14 July.

POOL A

France (1)
Wales (6)
New Zealand (7)
Japan (12)

POOL B

Australia (2)
England (5)
Ireland (8)
Fiji (11)

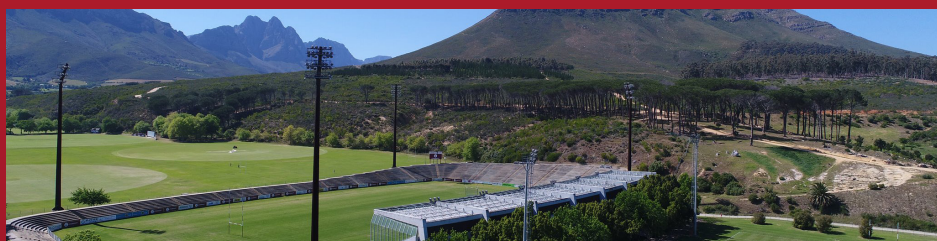
POOL C

South Africa (3)
Argentina (4)
Italy (9)
Georgia (10)

VENUES

All games will be played at these three venues:

Paarl Gymnasium, Paarl
Danie Craven Stadium, Stellenbosch
Athlone Sports Stadium, Cape Town



FIXTURES

MATCH DAY 1: SATURDAY 24 JUNE

No.	Kick-off	Group	Match	Venue
1	14:00	A	France v Japan	Danie Craven
2	16:30	B	Australia v Fiji	Danie Craven
3	19:00	C	South Africa v Georgia	Danie Craven
4	11:00	C	Argentina v Italy	Paarl Gymnasium
5	13:30	B	England v Ireland	Paarl Gymnasium
6	16:00	A	Wales v New Zealand	Paarl Gymnasium

MATCH DAY 2: THURSDAY 29 JUNE

No.	Kick-off	Group	Match	Venue
7	11:00	B	Australia v Ireland	Paarl Gymnasium
8	13:30	A	France v New Zealand	Paarl Gymnasium
9	16:00	C	South Africa v Italy	Paarl Gymnasium
10	14:00	A	Wales v Japan	Danie Craven
11	16:30	C	Argentina v Georgia	Danie Craven
12	19:00	B	England v Fiji	Danie Craven

MATCH DAY 3: FRIDAY 14 JULY

No.	Kick-off	Group	Match	Venue
13	14:00	B	Australia v England	Athlone Stadium
14	16:30	A	France v Wales	Athlone Stadium
15	19:00	C	South Africa v Argentina	Athlone Stadium
16	11:00	C	Italy v Georgia	Paarl Gymnasium
17	13:30	B	Ireland v Fiji	Paarl Gymnasium
18	16:00	A	New Zealand v Japan	Paarl Gymnasium

MATCH DAY 4: SUNDAY 9 JULY

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MATCH DAY 5: FRIDAY 14TH JULY

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MANAGEMENT TEAM



MARK JONES

HEAD COACH

Former Wales international wing Mark Jones was named Wales Under 20 interim head coach in May 2023 after Byron Hayward tendered his resignation as Lead Pathway coach.

Jones has a vast pedigree as a former player with

the Scarlets and Wales before beginning his coaching career which has seen stints at Scarlets, Rotherham Titans, RGC, Namibia, Crusaders and Worcester Warriors.

In 2013 he supported Rob Howley as interim attack coach during the championship winning Six Nations campaign and also accompanied Robin McBryde on the 2013 tour of Japan.



MARK BREEZE

SET-PIECE COACH

The former hooker played club rugby for Cardiff Blues, Ospreys, London Welsh, Aberavon and Aberavon Quins.

He captained Wales at U16 level playing as a flanker, but nearly all his senior career was as a hooker.

He joined the coaching staff of Aberavon in August 2017. He is also employed by the WRU as a coach and referee development officer for the Ospreys region.



CRAIG EVERETT

DEFENCE COACH

After a playing career where he played for Aberavon, Newport, Carmarthen Quins, Cardiff, Worcester Warriors and Llanelli, Everett started his coaching journey with Cardiff Rugby Academy.

In 2020 he was part of the Cardiff Blues coaching team which won the U18 regional crown for the first time in four years. He is currently academy skills coach with Cardiff Rugby and is also forwards/skills coach with Cardiff RFC. He was part of the Blue and Black coaching staff which won the WRU Premiership Cup in the 2023 final at Principality Stadium against Newport.



RICHIE PUGH

ASSISTANT COACH

The former flanker was capped once for Wales on a try-scoring debut against USA in 2005. He was also part of the Wales sevens team who won the Melrose Cup at the 2009 Rugby World Cup Sevens tournament in Dubai.

Having formerly been an assistant coach for Wales

Women (forwards), Richie took up a role as assistant coach to Gareth Williams for the Wales Sevens squad on his return from the Rio Olympic Games where he was assistant coach to Simon Middleton for the women's GB sevens team.

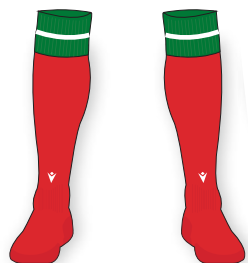
Pugh spent just over two years as an assistant coach with Ospreys before returning to the WRU in November 2021 as head of sevens. He joined the Wales U20 men's coaching team prior to the 2023 U20 World Championship.





CARFAN CYMRU

TEAM COLOURS



MAIN

ALT

FORWARDS

Josh **MORSE**

Dylan **KELLEHER-GRIFFITHS**

Lewis **LLOYD**

Sam **SCARFE**

Lewis **MORGAN**

Louis **FLETCHER**

Ellis **FACKRELL**

Kian **HIRE**

Liam **EDWARDS**

Evan **HILL**

Mackenzie **MARTIN**

Jonny **GREEN**

Ryan **WOODMAN**

Morgan **MORSE**

Lucas **DE LA RUA**

Seb **DRISCOLL**

Gwilym **EVANS**

BACKS

Archie **HUGHES**

Harri **WILLIAMS**

Che **HOPE**

Dan **EDWARDS**

Harri **WILDE**

Bryn **BRADLEY**

Joe **WESTWOOD**

Tom **FLORENCE**

Louie **HENNESSEY**

Harri **HOUSTON**

Huw **ANDERSON**

Llien **MORGAN**

Cameron **WINNETT**





HUW ANDERSON

DOB
24th Sept 2004

Birthplace
Lima, Peru

Position
Full back

Club/Region
Dragons

Height
1.78m (5' 10")

Weight
85kg (13st 4lbs)

A former Caerphilly Youth player, the 18-year-old had an impressive season with Pontypool in the Welsh championship where he made 13 appearances and scored seven tries in the process from full back.

In May 2023 he signed his first Dragons academy contract alongside fellow Welsh U20 representatives Dylan Kellerher-Griffiths and Sam Scarfe.



BRYN BRADLEY

DOB
17th Apr 2003

Birthplace
Kingston-upon-Thames

Position
Centre

Club/Region
Harlequins

Height
1.91 m (6' 3")

Weight
103.18 kg (16st 3lbs)

Caps: 8

The Harlequins centre is a dual international with Wales, having previously represented his country at rugby league at U16 level.

He studied at Epsom College from September 2019 to June 2021 before signing with Harlequins in July 2021. He is currently studying a Business Management degree alongside rugby at Surrey University.

Bryn is the younger brother of Gwilym who played for Wales U20 as a flanker.





DAN EDWARDS

DOB
7th May 2003

Birthplace
Port Talbot

Position
Fly half

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.78 m (5' 10")

Weight
83.18 kg (13st 11lbs)

Caps: 12

A product of Cwmafan RFC, Edwards is a highly rated Ospreys outside half who has played for Aberavon and Swansea in the Indigo Premiership.

He ended the season at Aberavon in 2022 with the Young Player of the Year award as well as the gong for the Most Improved Player.

A former schoolboy player at Ysgol Ystalyfera, he played for the Swansea Valley U15 team in the Dewar Shield. He combines his playing time with coaching duties with Aberavon Schools U15.

Now one of the senior members of the Wales U20 squad, his goalkicking has proved an invaluable asset, with the fly half boasting the best success rate in the 2023 Six nations championship.



TOM FLORENCE

DOB
19th Mar 2003

Birthplace
Bridgend

Position
Centre

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.88 m (6' 2")

Weight
95 kg (14st 11lbs)

Caps: 7

Along side scrum half Harri Williams, Florence has played in three Six Nations championship.

An accomplished ball player with plenty of pace, he can play either in the midfield or on the wing.

He began his playing pathway at Bridgend Sports as a seven-year-old and then moved to Bridgend Athletic five years later.

He attended Llangynwyd Comprehensive in Maesteg before moving to Brynteg.

He is currently studying Sports Science at Swansea University, and was part of the victorious Varsity side that defeated Cardiff University in the annual university derby.

He made his Ospreys debut against the Sharks in Durban in November 2022 and also plays in the Indigo Prem for Swansea.





LOUIE HENNESEY

DOB
29th Mar 2004

Birthplace
Cardiff

Position
Centre

Club/Region
Bath Rugby

Height
1.91 m (6' 3")

Weight
105 kg (16st 6lbs)

Other Honours
Wales U18

Bath midfielder Hennessey arrived at the Rec from Cardiff Rugby having earned a reputation for his natural skillset and clinical finishing at youth level.

The centre enjoyed a successful 2021 at Hartpury College, helping his side to 10 wins from 10 in the ACE League and featured for Wales Under-18s for the first time in the 2022 U18 Six Nations Festival.

He balances his studies at the University of Bath alongside his playing career.



CHE HOPE

DOB
10th Jan 2003

Birthplace
Hollybush

Position
Scrum half

Club/Region
Dragons

Height
1.78 m (5' 10")

Weight
75.91 kg (11st 10lbs)

Caps: 3

The swift serving scrum half began playing as a six year old when joining Blackwood RFC.

He has played for the Dragons through the age grade system and is currently a senior academy player at the Welsh region.

He spent the last season playing for Newport in the Indigo Premiership, where his side reached the final of the Welsh Premiership Cup, but suffered defeat against Cardiff at Principality Stadium.





HARRI HOUSTON

DOB
27th Nov 2003

Birthplace
Swansea

Position
Winger

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.78 m (5' 10")

Weight
81.82 kg (12st 10lbs)

Caps: 11

Started his playing career at Loughor RFC, playing through the Swansea school system before being picked up by the Ospreys at U16.

The free scoring winger has spent the last two seasons playing for Swansea in the Indigo Premiership.



ARCHIE HUGHES

DOB
14th Feb 2003

Birthplace
Tenby

Position
Scrum half

Club/Region
Scarlets

Height
1.73 m (5' 8")

Weight
73.18 kg (11st 6lbs)

Caps: 6

Highly rated Tenby product Hughes joined the Scarlets Academy in 2021 as an 18-year-old.

He has been in the Scarlets development pathway since his Dewar Shield U15 selection for Mynydd Mawr and Dinefwr Schools and has gone on to play representative regional rugby for Scarlets U16s and U18s.

He made his senior Scarlets debut against Nottingham in Dwayne Pee's first game as coach in September 2021, and scored twice as a replacement on debut.





LLIEN MORGAN

DOB
28th Oct 2003

Birthplace
Swansea

Position
Winger

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.8 m (5' 11")

Weight
85 kg (13st 4lbs)

Caps: 4

The fleet footed winger comes from an athletics background. He starred for Neath Harriers and was Wales U20 champion in the 200m with a time of 21.9sec and ran the 100m in 10.9sec. He was also Wales U17 long jump champion.

He began playing as a six-year-old at Cwmtyrch before joining Abercrave U12s. He has played for Ospreys at U16 and U18s and signed an academy contract with the region in August 2022.

He is currently studying Sports Science and Exercise at Swansea University.

He scored two tries on his Wales U20 debut against Ireland in North Wales in the opening round of the U20 Six Nations championship.



JOE WESTWOOD

DOB
10th Jul 2003

Birthplace
Blackwood

Position
Centre

Club/Region
Dragons

Height
1.91 m (6' 3")

Weight
99.09 kg (15st 7lbs)

Caps: 6

Westwood began his formative years at Blackwood RFC. He was added to the Dragons academy in 2021 after impressing in age-grade rugby.

He is the grandson of Newbridge legend Keith and son of Jonathan, who played for Newport, Neath, Cardiff, Ebbw Vale, Aberavon and Cross Keys in the 1990s.

Joe has played for Ebbw Vale in the Indigo Premiership, but this season featured for Newport in the Indigo Premiership.

He has halted his studies at Cardiff Met to concentrate on his rugby career.





HARRI WILDE

DOB
15th May 2005

Birthplace
Pontypridd

Position
Fly half

Club/Region
Cardiff Rugby

Height
1.8 m (5' 10")

Weight
84kg (13st 2lbs)

Other Honours
Wales U18

Wilde is one of five uncapped players named in the Wales squad ahead of the World Rugby U20 Championship in South Africa later this month.

The Ysgol Glantaf outside half played a key role for the club's U18 side last season and is rewarded for his form with a place in Mark Jones' 30-player squad.

He has previously played for Wales U18.



HARRI WILLIAMS

DOB
5th Apr 2003

Birthplace
Colchester

Position
Scrum half

Club/Region
Scarlets

Height
1.73 m (5' 8")

Weight
78.18 kg (12st 3lbs)

Caps: 7

Williams, who grew up in Essex, but whose father is from Pontardawe in the Swansea Valley, played tennis, county cricket, academy football and rugby at the prestigious St. Joseph's College in Ipswich.

He was good enough on a tennis court to be ranked No.1 in Essex at the age of 10 and No.3 in Britain, but decided to focus on other sports due to his size.

After being in the Colchester United academy for three years he left

football for rugby. Williams went to St. Joseph's on a sports scholarship and it was whilst playing in their prestigious National Schools Rugby Festival that he was spotted by the Scarlets and signed for them as a 16-year-old.

He is currently studying marketing at Swansea University and signed for English championship side Amphill just prior to departure for the 2023 U20 World Rugby Championship in South Africa.





CAMERON WINNETT

DOB

7th Jan 2003

Birthplace

Llantrisant

Position

Full back

Club/Region

Cardiff Rugby

Height

1.78 m (5' 10")

Weight

84.09 kg (13st 3lbs)

Caps: 14

Cameron is a former Coleg y Cymoedd pupil, having started out at Treorchy RFC before playing for Rhondda Schools, Cardiff Blues U16 North and Cardiff Blues U18.

He made a try-scoring debut as an 18-year-old for Cardiff Rugby in the dramatic Heineken Champions Cup clash against Harlequins when the entire first team squad were forced into quarantine.





SEB DRISCOLL

DOB
10th Sept 2003

Birthplace
Redhill

Position
Scrum half

Club/Region
Scarlets

Height
1.86m (6' 1")

Weight
100kg (15st 7lbs)

Driscoll began his rugby playing career at local club Old Reigatians as a four year old. He stayed with them until 15 years of age while attending Whitgift School in Surrey.

He joined Harlequins in the U16s and has played alongside fellow Welsh U20 player, Jonny Green for the London side over the past couple of seasons. He also joins Bryn Bradley as one of three Quins in the Welsh U20 World Rugby championship squad.

In his early days he was a goal-kicking centre before switching to the side of the scrum. He was captain of the First XV when in sixth form at school and is currently studying history at Exeter University.

He qualifies for Wales through his Welsh father and is a single figure handicap golfer.



LIAM EDWARDS

DOB
3rd Nov 2003

Birthplace
Swansea

Position
Second Row

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.98 m (6' 6")

Weight
126.82 kg (19st 11lbs)

Caps: 5

First started playing for his local club Morriston, near Swansea as a 10-year-old. Prior to that football was his first love.

Initially missed out on schools selection as a 15-year-old but his desire and hunger saw him rise through the ranks to feature for the Ospreys age grades where his size and work around the field saw him selected for Wales.



GWILYM EVANS

DOB
25th May 2003

Birthplace
Cardiff

Position
Flanker

Height
1.83 m (6' 0")

Weight 9
3.64 kg (14st 8lbs)

Caps: 2

Gwilym Evans is a former 1st XV captain at Ysgol Glantaf who played for Cardiff Schools and Cardiff Blues U16 South, as well as representing Wales Rugby League U16s having captained Glantaf RL to the Year 7 Champion Schools title at Wembley in 2015.

The openside flanker combines his rugby with a place at Cardiff University.





ELLIS FACKRELL

DOB
6th Nov 2003

Birthplace
Llantrisant

Position
Prop

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.85 m (6' 1")

Weight
115.91 kg (18st 3lbs)

Caps: 6

The Ospreys front row began life as a footballer, specialising between the posts as a goal-keeper.

He first started rugby relatively late, when joining Pontypridd at Under 15s. He also played for Treorchy and went through Cardiff Blues U16s and U18s before signing with the Ospreys in 2021.

He has spent the last two seasons learning his trade with Swansea in the Indigo Prem and follows cousins Ethan Fackrell and Garyn Smith who have previously also represented Wales U20s.



LOUIS FLETCHER

DOB
27th Feb 2003

Birthplace
Birkenhead

Position
Tighthead prop

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.83 m (6' 0")

Weight
117.5 kg (18st 5lbs)

Ex-Sale academy product Louis Fletcher is a rare individual as he can play right across the front row – although he is concentrating currently as a tighthead prop with Swansea Uni and the Ospreys.

He began playing as a four-year-old for Caldy before moving to Kirkham Grammar School.

The keen nature lover plays for Swansea University in the BUCS where he is in his second year of studying physical geography.





JONNY GREEN

DOB
16th Mar 2004

Birthplace
Haywards Heath

Position
Second Row

Club/Region
Harlequins

Height
2.01 m (6' 7")

Weight
115.91 kg (18st 3lbs)

Other Honours
Wales U18

Caps: 4

Green attended Seaford College from prep school and showed leadership qualities from the outset. He was Seaford 1st XV captain and a Year 13 student when signing a full-time two-year professional contract with Harlequins in 2022.

At the time of signing for Harlequins he had already represented their U18 team for three years – two of which where he was captain.

He represented Wales in 2022 in the U18 Six Nations tournament and

was chosen in the 'Team of Tournament' as one of the outstanding players.

Harlequins this season in the Premiership Rugby Cup and scored his first try against London Irish at The Stoop.

Playing rugby at a high level goes back a long way on both sides of Jonny's family, with his father playing for England U16, U18, U23 and his mother's father and brother both playing.



EVAN HILL

DOB
14th Nov 2004

Birthplace
Neath Port Talbot

Position
Second row

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.99m (6' 1")

Weight
107.5kg (18st 3lbs)

First started playing as an eight year old at Baglan.

He is due to complete his BTEC in Sports coaching with Landarcy College and signed his academy contract with the Ospreys just two months before the 2023 U20 World Rugby Championship.

He has already tasted international rugby having played for Wales U19s against Italy and England earlier this season.





KIAN HIRE

DOB
14th Nov 2004

Birthplace
Bridgend

Position
Second Row

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.99 (6' 5")

Weight
108.4kg (17st 11lbs)

Other Honours
Wales U18

The apprentice electrician began his playing career as a centre at Pontarddulais Comprehensive School.

Whilst playing for Loughor RFC, schoolboy rugby with Gower College and the Ospreys academy, he has previously played in the back row before moving to the front row.

He is currently an Ospreys academy prospect and played for Wales U18s in France in 2022.

He was also a tidy footballer – he was a striker for Llanelli Football Academy until Year 7.

He lists former Wales prop Paul James as someone he looked up to coming through the ranks – ironically James is now his coach at the Ospreys.



DYLAN KELLEHER-GRIFFITHS

DOB
28th Jun 2003

Birthplace
Newport

Position
Loosehead prop

Club/Region
Dragons

Height
1.8m (5' 11")

Weight
111.82kg (17st 7lbs)

Caps: 5

At the end of a successful club campaign with Pontypool, the young loose-head prop was rewarded with a senior academy contract with the Dragons.

Kelleher-Griffiths first learned his trade at St Peter's and featured twice for Pontypool in the 2021/22 season before securing a more prominent role for the following campaign.

He was part of the side which earned promotion to the Indigo Premiership after Pontypool won the Welsh Championship and was a replacement in the 2023 Championship final when Pooler defeated Ystrad Rhondda at Principality Stadium.





LEWIS LLOYD

DOB
20th Jul 2003

Birthplace
Llantrisant

Position
Hooker

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.8 m (5' 11")

Weight
91.82 kg (14st 5lbs)

Cap: 1

Began rugby as a three year- old at his local club, Treorchy. He played in the same Rhondda Schools side as Welsh teammates Cameron Winnett and Ellis Fackrell in the Dewar Shield (the pinnacle competition for Schools U15s in Wales).

Coming through the ranks he has played for Cardiff North, Bridgend College and Neath College. He signed for the Ospreys academy in 2021. He currently plays off four in golf and played for Wales as a 14-year-old.



MACKENZIE MARTIN

DOB
26th Oct 2003

Birthplace
Ely

Position
Back Row

Club/Region
Cardiff Rugby

Height
1.96 m (6' 5")

Weight
115.91 kg (18st 3lbs)

Caps: 7

Cardiff academy forward Mackenzie Martin received his first call-up into the Wales Under 20 squad ahead of the 2022 U20 Six Nations Summer Series in Italy.

The physical back five forward was influential in Cardiff and Vale College's title win earlier in the season and also represented the Rags in their Premiership-winning campaign.





LEWIS MORGAN

DOB
1st Aug 2003

Birthplace
Carmarthen

Position
Hooker

Club/Region
Scarlets

Height
1.78 m (5' 10")

Weight
108.18 kg (17st 0lbs)

Caps: 3

Lewis has been a standout player since he came into the Scarlets' U16s programme. He joined their academy in 2020.

A former pupil of Ysgol Dyffryn Taf, Lewis played his junior rugby with Tenby RFC. He enjoyed an excellent season with Coleg Sir Gar and Scarlets U18s and was rewarded with a place in the Wales U18s squad. He has previously captained Coleg Sir Gar.



JOSH MORSE

DOB
15th Oct 2004

Birthplace
Carmarthen

Position
Loosehead prop

Club/Region
Scarlets

Height
1.8 m (5' 11")

Weight
114.09 kg (17st 11lbs)

Caps: 2

The Welsh speaker from farming stock in Llandovery played for his local side until reaching Youth. He was permitted to Ammanford and also played for Llandeilo when 18 years of age.

A Coleg Sir Gar student, he is currently undertaking a Sports Coaching and Development course alongside his playing duties with the Scarlets.

He has followed his aunt on the athletics front. Angharad Bennett

represented Wales at shot putt. In his early teen years, Morse was a talented athlete in his own right. He ran the 100m and 200m relay for his school while he competed for Carmarthen Harriers and Dyfed County in javelin, shot putt and discuss.

His grandfather Adrian Lloyd featured for Llanelli in the 1960s and Morse is proud that he got a mention in Scarlets legend Phil Bennett's book.





MORGAN MORSE

DOB
18th Jan 2005

Birthplace
Swansea

Position
No 8

Club/Region
Ospreys

Height
1.8 m (5' 11")

Weight
101.82 kg (16st 0lbs)

Other Honours
Wales U18

Caps: 10

The Dulais Valley Youth product was selected for Wales U20 a week after celebrating his 17th birthday. He scored on his Wales debut as a second half replacement against Scotland in the second round of the 2022 Six Nations in Parc Eirias.

He is a pupil at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera.



LUCAS DE LA RUA

DOB
13th Sep 2004

Birthplace
Cardiff

Position
Flanker

Club/Region
Cardiff Rugby

Height
1.88 m (6' 2")

Weight
95.91 kg (15st 11lbs)

Caps: 3

The versatile De La Rua is comfortable playing either on the side of the scrum or on the back of it at No 8. He represented Wales at

No 8 at Under 18 level and made his his Wales U20 debut as a replacement against England. He scored on his first start for Wales two weeks later on the flank against Italy in Treviso.





SAM SCARFE

DOB
23rd Aug 2003

Birthplace
Caerphilly

Position
Hooker

Club/Region
Dragons

Height
1.8 m (5' 11")

Weight
100.91 kg (15st 10lbs)

Caps: 4

Scarfe came through the club ranks with Penallta and currently plays in the Welsh Championship with Pontypool. He figured prominently for Pooler in the Welsh Championship this season where the Gwent outfit claimed the league and cup double to earn promotion to the Welsh Premiership.

He scored on his Wales U20 debut against Ireland in the opening round of the 2023 Six Nations championship at Stadiwm CSM.



RYAN WOODMAN (CAPT)

DOB
2nd Feb 2004

Birthplace
Newport

Position
Second Row

Club/Region
Dragons

Height
1.96 m (6' 5")

Weight
106.82 kg (16st 9lbs)

Caps: 12

The Dragons utility forward made his Wales U20 debut as a 17-year-old against Scotland in Parc Eirias in the second round of the 2022 U20 Six Nations.

The Caldicot product signed his first Dragons Academy contract in June 2021 alongside fellow Wales U20 representatives Oli Andrew and Joe Westwood. He played in the second row in his first campaign but transitioned to his favoured back

row position for the U20 Summer Series in 2022 where Wales reached the final against South Africa.

An injury to Benji Williams' meant Woodman confirmed his versatility when he played No 8 in the decisive win over Italy that booked the youngster his first shot at silverware against South Africa in Treviso.





