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Welcome to Blundellsands



D. G. Bowman
President 1990-91

On behalf of our members, I warmly welcome both the English and Welsh Squads to Waterloo this afternoon. This is the second time Waterloo have hosted a Womens' International and I hope todays' game is as enjoyable as the fixture between England and Sweden.

It was the season after that international that the Waterloo side formed and their impact on the club in such a short time has brought us all great pleasure.

I hope you all enjoy your day at Blundellsands.

Yours sincerely,

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WELCOME TO WATERLOO F.C.

Most of our spectators today will think it is unusual for us to welcome ladies to Blundellsands to play rugby football.

During the past few years, a few of us have seen a number of games and we have been surprised at the high standard of football which has been most enjoyable to watch.

It is therefore with special pleasure today we welcome the players and officials of the first womens rugby international between England and Sweden which has been ably organised by the WRFU (Northern Division) Committee.

I wish both teams the very best of luck and I know that everyone will acknowledge the serious confirmation of a new established sport for the ladies and appreciate the high standard of play at the same time.

Brian H. Calvert, President



Welcome to Waterloo F.C. for the first international between England and Sweden. We further extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Sweden and look forward to an entertaining game of Rugby football.

This season the W.R.F.U. can look forward to four international fixtures. Todays match between England and Sweden, then on November 27th Wales play Holland in Utrecht, and in February England are at home to Wales. The final international of the season, on March 4th sees the fourth meeting between Great Britain and France in what will be their most closely contested meeting to date, after Great Britain were narrowly defeated by six points to eight in the final of the European Cup last May.

Indeed, todays match highlights the growth of women's rugby. Not only are more women playing rugby but more countries are producing national sides. One such team are our guests today.

Finally on behalf of the W.R.F.U. I would like to thank our sponsors for their generous help and support, our hosts Waterloo F.C., and the Northern Regional Committee of the W.R.F.U. who have worked hard to ensure that todays international is a success,

Yours in Rugby, Carolyn B. Mann (Secretary - W.R.F.U.)



Five years since the Womens Rugby Football Union (W.R.F.U.) was formed by twelve clubs, the growth and strength of the womens game continues to surprise. The first games of womens rugby were played ten years ago in this country and now with over 60 clubs in Wales, England and Scotland, we are the largest and fastest growing Union in Europe.

Womens rugby is administered by women who are still playing the game. This enables the W.R.F.U. to react quickly to the needs of the clubs. Leagues were introduced in 1986 (one year before the R.F.U.!) and the format has been changed each year as the game grows and develops. There is no doubt that increased competition has improved the standard of womens rugby considerably.

The first W.R.F.U. international in 1986 involved Great Britain against old rivals France. The fourth encounter between these two will be in March next year and Britain are highly favoured to win for the first time. Holland became an international opponent in 1987 and Wales travel there in December for their first overseas fixture. Todays game we hope, will be the first of many against Sweden for whom it is their first International.

After the progress of the last five years it is certain that the growth of womens rugby in Europe will accelerate helped by the newly formed European Federation. In Britain, it is hoped that a Sports Council grant will be obtained so that the W.R.F.U. has the resources to aid the many new teams and mens clubs who are trying to establish their own womens teams. The commitment of all those involved in womens rugby will be needed to host the next European Cup in Britain in 1991.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the last five years has been the support of the R.F.U., particularly the coaching staff and the English clubs. Waterloo F.C. have been tremendously helpful in the organisation of today's game. The W.R.F.U. wish to thank the President and the club. We hope that the game will justify their support of this first womens rubgy international in the North of England.

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05.04.86 at Pontypool Park

FRANCE 28 GREAT BRITAIN 6

02.05.87 at Chalons sur Saone

GREAT BRITAIN 16 HOLLAND 0

22.11.87 at Richmond Athletic Ground

WALES 6 ENGLAND 36

24.04.88 at Newport Rugby Club

EUROPEAN CUP:

GREAT BRITAIN 32 ITALY 9
GREAT BRITAIN 26 HOLLAND 0

GREAT BRITAIN 6 FRANCE 8

21.05.88 - 23.05.88 at Bourg en bresse

ENGLAND 40 SWEDEN 0

16.10.88 at Waterloo F.C.

ENGLAND 38 WALES 4

12.02.89 at Moseley R.F.C.

GREAT BRITAIN 13 FRANCE 0

04.03.89 at Rosslyn Park

WALES 12 ENGLAND 18

11.02.90 at The Gnoll, Neath R.F.C.

GREAT BRITAIN 32 ITALY 0

18.03.90 at Moseley R.F.C.

WALES - PLAYER PROFILES

AMANDA BENNETT

SARACE

Born 24.07.64. Height 5'6", Weight 11st 7lb. Amanda has been playing f six seasons and is one of the more experienced Welsh players. Amanda a P.E. teacher.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 6 CAPS - 2 FOR GB - 4 FOR WALES

MARIE-LOUISE BOWEN

NEWPO

Born 27.12.64 in St. Asaph, Clwyd. Height 5' 6", Weight 12st. Educated Deeside High School, UCL and Bristol University. Marie is an Archeologist.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 5 CAPS FOR WALES

LESLEY BROOKES

NEWPO

Born 26.01.67. Height 5'4", Weight 8st 8lb. Lesley is a store detective.

LIZA BURGESS

SARACE

Born 24.03.64 in Newport, Gwent. Height 5' 11", Weight 12st 7lb. Educated at St.Joseph's High School, Newport and Loughborough University. Liza has been the Welsh captain since the beginning. Liza i P.E. teacher.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 14 CAPS - 8 FOR GB - 6 FOR WALES.

SUE BUTLER

RICHMO

Born 10.06.62. in Bridgend. Height 5' 6", Weight 10st . Educated at Llangatwg Comprehensive and Liverpool University. Sue made her Welsh debut in Catalonia and wins her second cap today. Sue is an Ar Officer.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 1 CAP FOR WALES

HELEN CAREY

SWANSEA UPLAN

Born 21.01.64 in Swansea. Height 5' 8", Weight 11st. Educated at Pentrehafod Comprehensive. Helen is one of the few people to have played in all Welsh Select sides.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 6 CAPS FOR WALES

BELINDA DAVIES WASPS

Born 10.02.62 in Bridgend. Height 5' 3", Weight 10st 10lb. Educated at Bishopgore, Swansea and UCW Aberystwyth. Belinda is a Research Scientist.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 4 CAPS FOR WALES

ENID DAVIES RICHMOND

Born 20.09.61 in Llandovery. Height 5' 2", Weight 8st 2lb. Educated at Llandovery. Enid played for Magor before joining Richmond and works as a staff nurse.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 4 CAPS FOR WALES

KATE EAVES NEWPORT

Born 06.05.68 in Haverfordwest, Dyfed. Height 5' 10", Weight 12st 7lb. Educated at UCW Cardiff. Kate was the Welsh Schools Swimming Champion in 1985. Kate is a student..

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 3 CAPS FOR WALES

BESS EVANS SOUTH GLAMORGAN INSTITUTE

Born 03.09.66 in Epsom, Surrey. Height 5' 6", Weight 11st 10lb. Educated at Esher College, Sunderland Polytechnic and South Glamorgan Institute. Bess is still a student and wins her second cap today. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 2 CAPS for WALES

PHILIPPA EVANS SWANSEA UPLANDS

Born 17.06.68 in Builth Wells, Powys. Height 5' 8", Weight 11st. Educated at K.E.G.S.H. Birmingham and Swansea University. Pip is back in the Welsh Squad this year having missed last season with a broken ankle. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 1 CAP FOR WALES

SARAH FINNEY NEWPORT

Born 25.05.66 in Cardiff. Height 5' 7", Weight 10st 6lb. Educated at Lady Mary Hish School and Cardiff University. Sarah is a PhD studunt.

PAULA GEORGE NEWPORT

Born 20.10.68 in Abergavenny. Height 5' 10", Weight 10st 9lb. Educated at Cynffig Comprehensive and Cardiff Institute. Paula spent the summer playing in New Zealand and is rewarded with her first cap today.

SUE GLAVIN

SWANSEA UPLANDS

Born 28.04.67 in Cardiff. Height 5'11", Weight 11st. Educated at Heathfield House, Cardiff and St.Mary's College, Twickenham. Sue was a talented Netball player before taking up rugby and now works as a Sports Development Officer for Swansea County Council. Sue wins her first cap toady.

EIRLYS JONES

CARDIGAT

Born 12.03.70 in Carmarthen. Height 5'3", Weight 10st 8lb. Eirlys was educated at Lampeter Comprehansive and Cardigan College. Eirlys i a clerk and typist.

EIRLYS LADD

CARDIGAL

Born 27.01.63 in Cardigan. Height 5'4", Weight 9st. Eirlys was educated at Preseli School and Ammonford College. Eirlys is a nursery nurse and wins her first cap today.

SARA MORGAN

BLAENAU GWENT

Born 20.01.69 in Tredegar. Height 5'2", Weight 9st 7lb. Sara was educated at Nantyglo Comprehensive and is now a housewife.

SANDRA PHILLIPS

CARDIGAN

Born 03.11.66 in Cardigan. Heigth 5'2", Weight 9st 4lb. Sandra was educated at Preseli Secondhry Scool, Crymych. Sandra is a bank clerl INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 2 CAPS FOR WALES

LYNDA CHERYL REWBRIDGE

PONTYPOOI

Born 04.10.69 in Swansea. Height 5'6", Weight 10st 5lb. Cheryl is a security officer.

CAROL THOMAS LIVERPOOL POLYTECHNIC/WATERLO(
Born 24.12.65 in Bangor. Height 5'2", Weight 9st 12lb. Carol was
educated at Ysgol Arduwy, Harlech and is still at Liverpool
Polytechnic. "Taff" was the Welsh Junior Judo champion while at
school and has represented both Wales and Great Britain since the
start of her rugby career.



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ENGLAND - PLAYER PROFILES

KAREN ALMOND

WASPS

Born 18.12.62 in Hull, North Humberside. Height 5' 6 1/2", Weight 9st 4lb. Educated at Cottingham C.S. Hull and Loughborough University. After university Karen helped form the Wasps club of which she is now captain. Karen is a P.E. teacher.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 13 CAPS - 8 FOR GB - 5 FOR ENGLAND

GILL BURNS

WATERLOO

Born 12.07.64. in Liverpool. Height 5'11", Weight 12st 11lb. Educated at Prescott Comprehensive and Chester College. Gill played for Liverpool Polytechnic before becoming one of the founder members of Waterloo who she now captains. Gill is a P.E. teacher.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 6 CAPS - 2 FOR GB - 4 FOR ENGLAND

MAXINE EDWARDS

BROMLEY

Born 28.07.66 in Bechenham. Height 5' 5", Weight 10st 10lb. Educated at Lewisham School, Maxine is an Electrical Technician with British Telecom.

SANDY EWING

WASPS

Born 09.06.60 in Christchurch, New Zealand. Height 5' 4", Weight 11st 7lb. Educated at Wanganui Girls' College Sandy went on to play rugby for New Zealand before moving to England and joining the Wasps club. Sandy is a secretary.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 1 CAP FOR ENGLAND.

DEBORAH FRANCIS

RICHMOND

Born 01.06.64. in Bristol. Height 5' 6", Weight 10st 2lb. Educated at George Watson's College, Edingburgh and Leeds University. Debbie represented Scotland at Cross Country. After leaving university Debbie joined Finchley and then Richmond. She is an Insolvency Administrator. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 14 CAPS - 8 FOR GB - 6 FOR ENGLAND

HELEN HARDING

WASPS

Born 04.05.71 in London. Height 5'5", Weight 9st 10lb. Educated at St.Michaels, Watford Helen is a Warranty Controller for Mercedez-Benz. Helen has played all her rugby at Wasps and this is her first appearance at international level.

PAT HARRIS

RICHMOND

Born 15.03.60 in Hillingdon. Height 5' 6 1/2", Weight 11st 5lb. Educated at Bishopshalt G.S. and Ealing College. Pat is a Physiotherapist.

CAROL ISHERWOOD

RICHMOND

Born 27:07.61 in Leigh. Height 5' 4", Weight 10st 4lb. Educated at Leigh Girls G.S. and Leeds University. At university Carol was a leading nfluence in establishing women's rugby and was the first secretary of the W.R.F.U. Carol is a Sports Development Manager.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 11 CAPS - 7 FOR GB - 4 FOR ENGLAND

ANE MANGHAM

WATERLOO

30rn 18.03.63 in Rotherham. Height 5' 6", Weight 11st 7lb. Educated at Aston Comprehensive and Liverpool Polytechnic. Jane's first cap was against Wales last season.

NTERNATIONAL RECORD: 2 CAPS - 1 FOR GB - 1 FOR ENGLAND

EMMA MITCHELL

SARACENS

Born 13.04.66 in Dorchester, Dorset. Height 5' 2", Weight 10st 10lb. Educated at Castlefield Comprehensive and Loughborough University. Iane helped form Gillingham Anchorians before moving to Saracens. Emma is an Area Sales Manager for Prentice Hall International. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 10 CAPS - 5 FOR GB - 5 FOR ENGLAND

ANE MITCHELL

SARACENS

Born 13.04.66 in Dorchester, Dorset. Height 5' 4", Weight 10st 4lb. Educated at Castlefield Comprehensive and Loughborough University. ane helped sister Emma to form Anchorians before moving to Saracens. ane is a Field Sales Executive for Simon & Schuster International.

NICOLA PONSFORD

WATERLOO

3 orn 06.10.67 in Leamington Spa. Height 5' 4", Weight 12st. Educated at King Edward V1 High School and Loughborough University. Nicky came 2nd and 6th in the European and World Yachting Championships respectively. She is a Development Officer for the Welsh Yaching Assoc.

GISELLE PRANGNELL

RICHMOND

Born 19.04.66 in Dartford, Kent. Height 5' 6", Weight 9st 3lb. Educated at Bruton School for Girls and St.Lukes College, Exeter. Giselle joined Richmond this season from Teddington and made her debut against Holland ealier in the season. Giselle is a P.E. teacher.

NTERNATIONAL RECORD: 1 CAP FOR ENGLAND

SAMANTHA ROBSON

SARACENS

Born 28.08.63 in Uganda. Height 5' 4 1/2", Weight 8st 12lb. Educated at St Bees School and Loughborough University. Before playing rugby Sam represented England Schools at Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country. Sam is the W.R.F.U. Marketing Rep. and a Sports Development Officer. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 13 CAPS - 7 FOR GB - 6 FOR ENGLAND

IANIS ROSS

SARACENS

Born 07.06.62 in Oxford. Height 5'10", Weight 11st 7lb. Educated at Lycee Francais, London and Bristol University. Janis is also a keen rower and was a finalist in the 1989 National Campionship.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 10 CAPS - 5 FOR GB - 5 FOR ENGLAND

CHERYL STENNETT

WASPS

Born 01.10.62 in Cheltenham. Height 5' 10 1/2", Weight 10st 4lb. Educated at Arle School, Cheltenham and Bedford University. Cheryl was county champion in the 100m, 200m, Longjump and Heptathlon. Cheryl had one season at Cutler Hammer before joining Wasps. She is a P.E. teacher. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 9 CAPS - 5 FOR GB - 4 FOR ENGLAND.

HEATHER STIRRUP

WASPS

Born 22.06.63 in Liverpool. Height 5' 11 3/4", Weight 11st. Educated at Ellergreen Comprehensive, Liverpool and Bedford College of P.E. Stiz has represented her county at Table Tennis and Athletics. Stiz is a teacher. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 4 CAPS - 1 FOR GB - 3 FOR ENGLAND

SUE WACHHOLZ - DORRINGTON

RICHMOND

Born 10.06.58 in Minnesota U.S.A. Height 5', Weight 9st 7lb. Educated at the University of Minnesota before coming to England where she first played for Imperial College. Sue spent 1988 & 89 as a regular sub, but is now established in the side. Sue is a Charity Fundraiser. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 3 CAPS - 1 FOR GB - 2 FOR ENGLAND.

JAYNE WATTS

RICHMOND

Born 22.02.61. Height 5' 6", Weight 11st 7lb. Educated at Notre Dame High School and York University. Jayne is one of the most experienced props in the country. Jayne is a Primary School teacher. INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 11 CAPS - 7 FOR GB - 4 FOR ENGLAND

SARAH WENN

CLIFTON

Born 04.11.65 in Minster. Height 5' 11", Weight 13st. Eductaed at Highsted School for Girls, Sittingbourne and Bristol Polytechnic. Sarah is an Assistant Planner.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 2 CAPS FOR ENGLAND

CLAIRE WILLIETS

WASPS

Born 19.03.65 in Worcestershire. Height 5' 7", Weight 9st 9lb. Educated at Coleshill School, Birmingham and Loughborough University. Claire originally played all her rugby at full back winning 7 caps. Whenshe moved to Wasps Claire switched to playing centre. Claire is a Sales Manager.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD: 10 CAPS - 6 FOR GB - 4 FOR ENGLAND

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On behalf of the Womens' Rugby Football Union I would like to welcome officials, players and supporters to Blundellsands today. This is the second womens international to be hosted by Waterloo F.C. and I am sure todays will be as successful as the first.

I would like to thank Mowlem for sponsoring todays match and all other sponsors and advertisers for their contributions.

The inaugral Womens Rugby World Cup takes place next month in South Wales with the final being played at Cardiff Arms Park on Sunday April 14th. It is a shame we have not been able to secure the same television coverage for this the re scheduled game, but I hope what is shown will help the the World Cup organising committee promote the sport and find sponsorship for the tournament. I am sure that todays match will be as good an advert for the Womens game as last years thrilling encounter at Neath.

It is also a pleasure to welcome Scottish International Panel referee, Mr David Leslie. It is a notable first to have a neutral panel referee in a womens international.

Finally, I would like to thank Waterloo club members for their hard work in organising todays match.

Rosie Golbie

Secretary Womens' Rugby Football Union.

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