

England v Wales (60-26)
Twickenham
21 February, 1998

Wales Performance Indicators		
Lineouts awarded	7/24	29%
Lineouts won (Own throw)	6/7	86%
Scrums awarded	14/24	58%
Scrums won (Own feed)	9/14	64%
Goal-kicking success	3/4	75%
Kick-off/Restart success	2/9	22%
Tackles made	111/128	87%
Territorial	35m 46s	42%
Penalties conceded	17/27	63%

England Performance Indicators		
Lineouts awarded	17/24	71%
Lineouts won (Own throw)	14/17	82%
Scrums awarded	10/24	42%
Scrums won (Own feed)	8/10	80%
Goal-kicking success	9/11	82%
Kick-off/Restart success	2/4	50%
Tackles made	106/120	88%
Territorial	49m 32s	58%
Penalties conceded	10/27	37%

Match-time	43m 58s + 41m 20s = 85m 18s	
Ball in Play	14m 48s + 19m 11s = 33m 59s	
	Wales	England
Total lineouts won	7	14
Total scrums won	9	8
Rucks/Mauls	51	55
Turnovers	9	8
Time in Possession	13m 08s	14m 29s
Times in Opp 22m	10	22

England v Wales
21 February 1998
Wales Player Information

Player	Tackles	Missed Tackles	Runs	Touches	Own LO won	Opp LO won	1st to BD	GK	T P C
Neil Jenkins	2	1	5	20	0	0	2	3/4	/
Gareth Thomas	6	0	9	13	0	0	4	/	/
Allan Bateman	9	3	6	12	0	0	10	/	2T
Scott Gibbs	13	2	9	14	0	0	4	/	1T
Nigel Walker	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	/	1T
Arwel Thomas	8	1	5	35	0	0	1	/	/
Robert Howley	8	2	11	64	0	0	0	/	/
Andrew Lewis	3	0	1	2	0	0	14	/	/
Barry Williams	4	2	6	11	0	0	5	/	/
David Young	3	0	4	4	0	0	9	/	/
Gareth Llewellyn	2	1	2	9	4	0	14	/	/
Mike Voyle	6	0	1	6	1	0	10	/	/
Colin Charvis	11	1	8	9	0	0	10	/	/
Scott Quinnell	3	0	4	7	0	0	7	/	/
Martyn Williams	14	1	6	14	1	0	24	/	/
Wayne Proctor	8	1	11	17	0	0	2	/	/
Leigh Davies	3	0	3	6	0	0	1	/	/
Rob Appleyard	7	1	1	4	0	0	6	/	/
Lyndon Mustoe	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	/	/
Chris Stephens	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	/	/
Jon Humphries	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	/	/

England v Wales
21 February 1998
England Player Information

Player	Tackles	Missed Tackles	Runs	Touches	Own LO won	Opp LO won	1st to BD	GK	T P C
Matt Perry	4	0	9	18	0	0	3	/	/
David Rees	3	2	7	9	0	0	4	/	2T
Will Greenwood	10	0	9	19	0	0	1	/	1T
Jeremy Guscott	7	1	11	16	0	0	6	/	/
Austin Healey	6	1	8	18	0	0	2	/	1T
Paul Grayson	6	3	4	37	0	0	0	9/10	/
Kyran Bracken	3	2	5	58	0	0	0	/	1T
Jason Leonard	5	0	0	0	0	0	14	/	/
Richard Cockerill	3	0	5	7	0	0	7	/	/
Phil Vickery	4	2	0	2	0	0	12	/	/
Martin Johnson	4	0	2	13	4	0	11	/	/
Garath Archer	7	0	6	14	5	0	10	/	/
Laurence Dallaglio	10	1	6	18	5	0	4	/	1T
Richard Hill	9	0	5	9	0	0	14	/	/
Neil Back	10	0	7	15	0	0	20	/	1T
Phil de Glanville	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	/	/
Mike Catt	3	0	2	6	0	0	0	0/1	/
Matt Dawson	1	1	1	10	0	0	1	/	1T
Tony Diprose	6	1	5	7	0	0	4	/	/
Danny Grewcock	2	0	1	4	1	0	4	/	/
Darren Garforth	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	/	/

Welsh Matches 1997/98

	USA Eagles v Wales 5.7.97 Won 30-20	USA Eagles v Wales 12.7.97 Won 28-23	Canada v Wales 19.7.97 Won 28-25	Wales v Romania 30.8.97 Won 70-21	Wales v Tonga 16.11.97 Won 46-12	Wales v N Zealand 29.11.97 Lost 7-42	Wales v Italy 7.2.98 Won 23-20	England v Wales 21.2.98 Lost 26-60		
Referee	K.McCartney (Scotland)	C.Muir (Scotland)	S.Borsani (Argentina)	I.Rammage (Scotland)	S.Borsani (Argentina)	W.Erickson (Australia)	S.Lander (England)	C.Hawke (New Zealand)		
Points	50	51	53	91	58	49	43	86		
Tries	6	6	6	13	8	6	4	12		
Match time	86m 57s	84m 08s	83m 24s	81m 03s	86m 57s	83m 56s	84m 51s	85m 18s		
Ball in Play	24m 56s	27m 26s	28m 23s	27m 14s	33m 11s	36m 36s	30m 39s	33m 59s		
Lineouts	29	27	19	12	30	27	35	24		
Scrums	27	20	30	35	27	39	35	24		
Rucks/Mauls	71	93	92	74	129	121	100	106		
Penalties/FK	27	19	23	40	38	26	28	27		

England A v Wales A (22-41)
Leicester
20 February, 1998

England A Performance Indicators		
Lineouts awarded	11/29	38%
Lineouts won (Own throw)	5/11	45%
Scrum awarded	15/34	44%
Scrum won (Own feed)	15/15	100%
Goal-kicking success	6/6	100%
Kick-off/Restart success	5/10	50%
Tackles made	/	/
Territorial	42m 45s	50%
Penalties conceded	18/36	50%

Wales A Performance Indicators		
Lineouts awarded	18/29	62%
Lineouts won (Own throw)	12/18	67%
Scrum awarded	19/34	56%
Scrum won (Own feed)	16/19	84%
Goal-kicking success	8/9	89%
Kick-off/Restart success	3/7	43%
Tackles made	141/152	93%
Territorial	42m 04s	50%
Penalties conceded	18/36	50%

Match-time	40m 19s + 44m 30s = 84m 49s	
Ball in Play	15m 11s + 15m 27s = 30m 38s	
	England A	Wales A
Total lineouts won	7	14
Total scrums won	15	16
Rucks/Mauls	72	39
Turned over	6	3
Time in Possession	14m 05s	12m 32s
Times in Opp 22m	16	17

England A v Wales A
20 February 1998
Wales A Player Information

Player	Tackles	Missed Tackles	Runs	Touches	Own LO won	Opp LO won	1st to BD	GK	T P C
Kevin Morgan	6	0	7	19	0	0	2	/	/
Gareth Wyatt	7	2	5	5	0	0	2	/	/
Mark Taylor	15	1	9	10	0	0	2	/	/
Jason Lewis	11	1	5	10	0	0	8	/	/
Dafydd James	5	1	6	7	0	0	6	/	1T
Byron Hayward	15	1	6	7	0	0	6	8/9	1T 5P,3C
Andy Moore	11	0	12	57	0	0	11	/	1T
Aled Griffiths	6	0	1	1	0	0	11	/	/
Garin Jenkins	6	0	6	7	0	0	11	/	1T
Chris Anthony	11	1	1	4	0	0	5	/	/
Stuart Roy	1	0	2	5	2	0	6	/	/
Andy Moore	5	1	1	10	7	1	13	/	/
Matthew Lloyd	11	1	4	8	0	0	1	/	/
Chris Wyatt	7	2	4	13	0	1	9	/	/
Kingsley Jones	17	0	3	3	0	0	22	/	/
Vernon Cooper	2	0	1	4	3	0	5	/	/
Ian Boobyer	5	0	2	2	0	0	3	/	/

Accountability

It is amazing how much emotional energy is generated during the course of one rugby match. When a whole country is nurtured on the success or failure of its national rugby team, then emotions run high. The anger and frustration at losing to the 'old enemy' is vented in different ways. The players are desolate, miserable and dwell on the mistakes they made and what could have been 'if only'. The raging Welsh public start making changes as the sweat still drips off the players in the changing rooms at Twickenham and pick their team for the next encounter in an attempt to escape the painful experience of losing to England.

There are different forms of media report from those that feel a responsibility to the Welsh public and to Wales. These vary from the rational, reasoned and informed comment, critical but constructive in its delivery, from journalists like Gerald Davies to the destructive, unintelligible and spontaneous comments poorly delivered from commentators such as John Williams. Here is an interesting comparison - two wingers who played during the Golden Era of Welsh rugby. Both superbly talented and successful in their playing careers but who view rugby and report on it in contrasting ways: Gerald is eloquent and thoughtful in his approach, substantiating each argument with reference to action from a match or player; John prefers to make personal attacks that reflect on his lack of thought and the research he conducts prior to matches. What is frightening is the amount of ex-internationals who are paraded on match days and asked for their expert analysis. With blood shot eyes and alcohol laden blood streams, that would prevent them from driving a motor vehicle, they spew forth their rhetoric. Emotion takes over.

Emotion takes over whilst Kevin Bowring and the Welsh team need to hold onto the clear thoughts, questions and subsequent action that will help them to progress. When did Wales last beat England? When did Wales last beat England at Twickenham? Where do we stand in world terms as a rugby nation? I will answer the last question. Since the last World Cup in 1995 Wales have now played 28 matches, winning 12 and losing 15, which gives them a position of sixth as a straight percentage of matches won over matches lost. England have played 26 matches, winning 13 matches, drawing two and losing nine (more of their matches have been played against the other top four ranking nations). England are in fifth position. There is a distinct difference between the teams in that top five group (First Division) - New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, France and England - and the rest. Only on rare occasions do the top five nations get beaten by any other nation below them.

Wales are currently heading the chasing group of countries outside the First Division. In Saturday's match Wales managed to concede 10 penalties to 2 in the first half and during a vital sixteen minutes prior to half-time conceded eight lineouts and five scrums to England. This provided England with a platform they relished and took advantage of. The modern game is built around possession and Wales made the mistake of gifting England too much in this short period allowing them to grow in confidence and create a lead which they could not recover. Clive Woodward and Kevin Bowring are both committed to a modern style of rugby based on possession, continuity, high tempo and keeping the ball on the park. Add a Southern Hemisphere referee to the equation and you get the spectacle that occurred Saturday.

There are important lessons - in the last two seasons Wales have been refereed by officials from the Southern Hemisphere on many occasions. There is a great contrast in styles between the merit based referees from the Southern Hemisphere and Welsh refereeing in the domestic league. Wales have won six of their last eight matches and are still producing good rugby. Within the senior and A team squads are players that will play for Wales in the World Cup in 1999. Although the team pressed the self-destruct button on Saturday afternoon it is important that the whole team is supported right through to 1999. Pressing the self-destruct button off the field would only cause the same problems that occurred in 1991 and 1995 when Alan Davies and Alex Evans respectively were left with an impossible task of achieving short term success.

Wales have their next chance against a First Division side, France, on 5th of April at Wembley. John Williams and the band of reporters that criticise under the influence of anger and emotion must take a deep breath before uttering coherent phrases that will be constructive and helpful to Welsh player development. Unfortunately they are not accountable.

Team Performance

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International

21 February 1998

Twickenham

Ref: Colin Hawke (New Zealand)

England v Wales

21 February 1998

England

Wales Territory

First Half

Match Time	00:43:58	00:43:58
In Opposition Half	00:28:39 (65%)	00:15:19 (35%)
Attacks in Opp 22m	11	4
Tries Scored	4	2

Second Half

Match Time	00:41:20	00:41:20
In Opposition Half	00:20:53 (51%)	00:20:27 (49%)
Attacks in Opp 22m	11	6
Tries Scored	4	2

Full Time

Match Time	01:25:18	01:25:18
In Opposition Half	00:49:32 (58%)	00:35:46 (42%)
Attacks in Opp 22m	22	10
Tries Scored	8	4

Possession

First Half

Match Time	00:43:58	00:43:58
Ball in Play	00:14:48 (34%)	00:14:48 (34%)
In Possession	00:07:11 (49%)	00:04:35 (31%)

Second Half

Match Time	00:41:20	00:41:20
Ball in Play	00:19:11 (46%)	00:19:11 (46%)
In Possession	00:09:18 (48%)	00:08:33 (45%)

Full Time

Match Time	01:25:18	01:25:18
Ball in Play	00:33:59 (40%)	00:33:59 (40%)
In Possession	00:16:29 (49%)	00:13:08 (39%)

England v Wales

21 February 1998

England

Wales

Lineouts

First Half

Lineouts Awarded	11 (73%)	4 (27%)
Won	9 (82%)	4 (100%)
Lost	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	2 (18%)	0 (0%)

Second Half

Lineouts Awarded	6 (67%)	3 (33%)
Won	5 (83%)	2 (67%)
Lost	1 (17%)	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)	1 (33%)

Full Time

Lineouts Awarded	17 (71%)	7 (29%)
Won	14 (82%)	6 (86%)
Lost	1 (6%)	0 (0%)
Other	2 (12%)	1 (14%)

Scrums

First Half

Scrums Awarded	4 (36%)	7 (64%)
Won	3 (75%)	3 (43%)
Lost	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	1 (25%)	4 (57%)

Second Half

Scrums Awarded	6 (46%)	7 (54%)
Won	5 (83%)	6 (86%)
Lost	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	1 (17%)	1 (14%)

Full Time

Scrums Awarded	10 (42%)	14 (58%)
Won	8 (80%)	9 (64%)
Lost	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	2 (20%)	5 (36%)

England v Wales

21 February 1998

England

Wales

Rucks and Mauls

First Half

Rucks/Mauls Formed	26 (53%)	23 (47%)
Won	22 (85%)	18 (78%)
Lost	1 (4%)	3 (13%)
Other	3 (12%)	2 (9%)

Second Half

Rucks/Mauls Formed	37 (51%)	36 (49%)
Won	29 (78%)	29 (81%)
Lost	3 (8%)	1 (3%)
Other	5 (14%)	6 (17%)

Full Time

Rucks/Mauls Formed	63 (52%)	59 (48%)
Won	51 (81%)	47 (80%)
Lost	4 (6%)	4 (7%)
Other	8 (13%)	8 (14%)

Handling Errors

First Half	7	3
Second Half	8	5
Full Time	15	8

Turned Over

First Half	3	4
Second Half	5	5
Full Time	8	9

England v Wales

21 February 1998

	England	Wales
		<u>Penalties Conceded</u>
First Half	2	11
Second Half	8	6
Full Time	10	17

		<u>Kicking Success</u>
First Half		
Successful Goal Kicks	6 (86%)	1 (50%)
Unsuccessful Goal Kicks	1	1
Successful Restarts	2 (67%)	1 (25%)
Unsuccessful Restarts	1	3
Second Half		
Successful Goal Kicks	3 (75%)	2 (100%)
Unsuccessful Goal Kicks	1	0
Successful Restarts	0 (0%)	1 (25%)
Unsuccessful Restarts	1	3
Full Time		
Successful Goal Kicks	9 (82%)	3 (75%)
Unsuccessful Goal Kicks	2	1
Successful Restarts	2 (50%)	2 (25%)
Unsuccessful Restarts	2	6

Five Nations Championship 1998
England v Wales
60-26
21st February
Twickenham (London)
Referee: Colin Hawke (New Zealand)

Variable	1 st Half	2 nd Half	Whole Match
Match Time	43m 58s	41m 20s	85m 18s
Ball in Play Time	14m 48s	19m 11s	33m 59s
Ball in Play Time (%)	34%	46%	40%
Tries Scored	6	6	12
Lineouts	15	9	24
Scrum	11	13	24
Recycled Possessions	44	62	106
Turnovers	7	10	17
Penalties/Free-Kicks	13	14	27

England	Performance Indicator	Wales
49m 32s	Territorial Dominance	35m 46s
58%	Territorial Dominance (%)	42%
22	Attacks in Opp 22m	10
16m 29s	Time in Possession	13m 08s
49%	Time in Possession (%)	39%
17 out of 24 (71%)	Lineouts Awarded	7 out of 24 (29%)
14 out of 17 (82%)	Lineouts Won (Own Throw)	6 out of 7 (86%)
0 out of 7 (0%)	Lineouts Won (Opp Throw)	1 out of 17 (6%)
14	Total Lineouts Won	7
10 out of 24 (42%)	Scrum Awarded	14 out of 24 (58%)
8 out of 10 (80%)	Scrum Won (Own Feed)	9 out of 14 (64%)
0 out of 14 (0%)	Scrum Won (Opp Feed)	0 out of 10 (0%)
8	Total Scrum Won	9
63 out of 122 (52%)	Rucks/Mauls Formed	59 out of 122 (48%)
51 out of 63 (81%)	Rucks/Mauls Won (Own)	47 out of 59 (80%)
4 out of 59 (7%)	Rucks/Mauls Won (Opp)	4 out of 63 (6%)
55	Total Rucks/Mauls Won	51
15	Handling Errors	8
8	Turnovers yielded	9
10 out of 27 (37%)	Penalties/Free-kicks against	17 out of 27 (63%)
9 out of 11 (82%)	Goal-kicking Success	3 out of 4 (75%)
2 out of 4 (50%)	Kick-out Success	2 out of 9 (22%)
7 out of 9 (78%)	Kick-out Reception Success	2 out of 4 (50%)

Team Performance

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International

. 21 February 1998

Murrayfield

Ref: Paddy O'Brien (New Zealand)

Scotland v France

21 February 1998

Scotland

France Territory

Half

1 Time	00:42:20	00:42:20
position Half	00:20:20 (48%)	00:22:00 (52%)
ks in Opp 22m	3	8
Scored	0	3

nd Half

1 Time	00:44:02	00:44:02
position Half	00:11:03 (25%)	00:32:59 (75%)
ks in Opp 22m	2	13
Scored	1	4

Time

1 Time	01:26:22	01:26:22
position Half	00:31:23 (36%)	00:54:59 (64%)
ks in Opp 22m	5	21
Scored	1	7

Possession

Half

1 Time	00:42:20	00:42:20
1 Play	00:13:53 (33%)	00:13:53 (33%)
ssession	00:05:00 (36%)	00:06:26 (46%)

nd Half

1 Time	00:44:02	00:44:02
1 Play	00:16:28 (37%)	00:16:28 (37%)
ssession	00:07:16 (44%)	00:07:38 (46%)

Time

1 Time	01:26:22	01:26:22
1 Play	00:30:21 (35%)	00:30:21 (35%)
ssession	00:12:16 (40%)	00:14:04 (46%)

Scotland v France

21 February 1998

Scotland

France

Lineouts

Half

outs Awarded

4 (36%)

7 (64%)

4 (100%)

7 (100%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

nd Half

outs Awarded

1 (14%)

6 (86%)

1 (100%)

6 (100%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

Time

outs Awarded

5 (28%)

13 (72%)

5 (100%)

13 (100%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

Scrum

Half

ns Awarded

8 (57%)

6 (43%)

7 (88%)

4 (67%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

1 (13%)

2 (33%)

nd Half

ns Awarded

13 (57%)

10 (43%)

10 (77%)

9 (90%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

3 (23%)

1 (10%)

Time

ns Awarded

21 (57%)

16 (43%)

17 (81%)

13 (81%)

0 (0%)

0 (0%)

4 (19%)

3 (19%)

Scotland v France

21 February 1998

Scotland

France

Rucks and Mauls

First Half

Rucks/Mauls Formed	36 (58%)	26 (42%)
Won	30 (83%)	20 (77%)
Lost	2 (6%)	3 (12%)
Other	4 (11%)	3 (12%)

Second Half

Rucks/Mauls Formed	41 (59%)	29 (41%)
Won	30 (73%)	24 (83%)
Lost	4 (10%)	0 (0%)
Other	7 (17%)	5 (17%)

Full Time

Rucks/Mauls Formed	77 (58%)	55 (42%)
Won	60 (78%)	44 (80%)
Lost	6 (8%)	3 (5%)
Other	11 (14%)	8 (15%)

Handling Errors

First Half	3	4
Second Half	4	12
Full Time	7	16

Turned Over

First Half	3	4
Second Half	7	2
Full Time	10	6

Scotland v France

21 February 1998

	Scotland	France
		<u>Penalties Conceded</u>
First Half	4	8
Second Half	7	5
Full Time	11	13

		<u>Kicking Success</u>
First Half		
Successful Goal Kicks	3 (60%)	3 (75%)
Unsuccessful Goal Kicks	2	1
Successful Restarts	1 (25%)	1 (25%)
Unsuccessful Restarts	3	3
Second Half		
Successful Goal Kicks	2 (67%)	3 (60%)
Unsuccessful Goal Kicks	1	2
Successful Restarts	1 (25%)	1 (100%)
Unsuccessful Restarts	3	0
Full Time		
Successful Goal Kicks	5 (63%)	6 (67%)
Unsuccessful Goal Kicks	3	3
Successful Restarts	2 (25%)	2 (40%)
Unsuccessful Restarts	6	3

Five Nations Championship 1998 Scotland v France 16-51 21st February Murrayfield (Edinburgh) Referee: Paddy O'Brien (New Zealand)			
Variable	1 st Half	2 nd Half	Whole Match
Match Time	42m 20s	44m 02s	86m 22s
Ball in Play Time	13m 53s	16m 28s	30m 21s
Ball in Play Time (%)	33%	37%	35%
Tries Scored	3	5	8
Lineouts	11	7	18
Scrum	12	23	35
Recycled Possessions	55	58	113
Turnovers	7	9	16
Penalties/Free-Kicks	12	12	24

Scotland	Performance Indicator	France
31m 23s	Territorial Dominance	54m 59s
36%	Territorial Dominance (%)	64%
5	Attacks in Opp 22m	21
12m 16s	Time in Possession	14m 04s
40%	Time in Possession (%)	46%
5 out of 18 (28%)	Lineouts Awarded	13 out of 18 (72%)
5 out of 5 (100%)	Lineouts Won (Own Throw)	13 out of 13 (100%)
0 out of 13 (0%)	Lineouts Won (Opp Throw)	0 out of 5 (0%)
5	Total Lineouts Won	13
21 out of 37 (57%)	Scrum Awarded	16 out of 37 (43%)
17 out of 21 (81%)	Scrum Won (Own Feed)	13 out of 16 (81%)
0 out of 16 (0%)	Scrum Won (Opp Feed)	0 out of 21 (0%)
17	Total Scrum Won	13
77 out of 132 (58%)	Rucks/Mauls Formed	55 out of 132 (42%)
60 out of 77 (78%)	Rucks/Mauls Won (Own)	44 out of 55 (80%)
3 out of 55 (5%)	Rucks/Mauls Won (Opp)	6 out of 77 (8%)
63	Total Rucks/Mauls Won	50
7	Handling Errors	16
10	Turnovers yielded	6
11 out of 24 (46%)	Penalties/Free-kicks against	13 out of 24 (54%)
5 out of 8 (63%)	Goal-kicking Success	6 out of 9 (67%)
2 out of 8 (25%)	Kick-out Success	2 out of 5 (40%)
3 out of 5 (60%)	Kick-out Reception Success	6 out of 8 (75%)