

**Position**

Prop

Country / Club

Wales / Cardiff Blues

Test CapsWales 68 (42+26)
Lions 3**Test Points**

Wales 15 (3T)

Test DebutWales 40 Romania 3
(01/11/2002 in Wrexham)**Lions Test Debut**New Zealand 21 Lions 3
(25/06/2005 in Christchurch)**Test Record v SA**

P6 L6

Lions Record New Zealand 2005**Bay of Plenty 20** - 34 Lions**Taranaki 14** - 36 Lions**NZ Maoris 19** - 13 Lions**Wellington 6** - 23 Lions (1T)**New Zealand 21** - 3 Lions**New Zealand 48** - 18 Lions**New Zealand 38** - 19 LionsW
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GETHIN DAVID JENKINS

**Born:** 17/11/1980
Cardiff, Wales**Ht:** 1.88m (6ft 2in)**Wt:** 118kg (18st 8lb)**RUGBY LIFE OF GETHIN**

Gethin was the cornerstone of the Lions pack in 2005 and will be looking to add to the three Test caps he won in New Zealand. He made seven appearances on the 2005 tour and scored a try in the win over Wellington. He won caps for Wales Schools, U19 and U21 before going on to play for Wales A against Uruguay in 2002. His first senior tour with Wales was to South Africa in 2002 under Steve Hansen, but he didn't play. He made his Wales debut against Romania in 2002 and has since gone on to become Wales' most capped prop. In Bloemfontein last summer he overtook Garin Jenkins as Wales' most capped front row forward when winning his 59th cap. Launched his senior career at Pontypridd before joining Celtic Warriors and then Cardiff Blues. He scored a famous charge down kick against Ireland in the crucial Grand Slam game in Cardiff in 2005 and picked up a second Slam in 2008. Helped the Blues win the EDF Energy Cup this season.

**RUGBY FACTS**

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | T | C | P | DG | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Wales | 68 | 29 | 2 | 37 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Lions Tests | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lions Overall | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |

OFF THE CUFF**First Picked up Rugby ball?**

When I was 13

First Team? Beddau RFC U13's**First Position?** Flanker**First Trophy?** Derwar Shield with Pontypridd Schools U15**First Rep team?** Pontypridd Schools U15**First Tour?** Canada with Brynclwynnog Comprehensive School**First Rugby Hero?** Neil Jenkins (Wales)**First Rugby Autograph?** Don't think I ever did**Most Influential Coach?** Steve Hansen and Andrew Hore (Wales)**Key Career Moment?** Being selected for the 2005 Lions tour**Toughest Opponent?** Carl Haymans (New Zealand)**Best Part of being a Pro?** Running out in front of 70,000+ for a Test match**Worst Part?** Repetitive rugby training**AMAZING**

Helped the Cardiff Demons rugby league side reach the 1998 Grand Academy Final.

Was the 2001 Wales Under 21 Player of the Year.

He is Wales' fourth most capped forward with 68 appearances.

Captained Wales for the first time against South Africa in their first game after winning the World Cup in 2007.



Position
Prop

Country / Club
Wales / Ospreys

Test Caps
Wales 56 (46+10)

Test Points
Wales 5 (1T)

Test Debut
Wales 9 England 43
(23/08/2003 at Millennium Stadium)

Test Record v SA
P5 L5



ADAM RHYS JONES

Born: 08/03/1981
Abercrave, Wales

Ht: 1.83m (6ft 0in)
Wt: 127kg (20st 0lb)

RUGBY LIFE OF ADAM

Adam launched his career at Neath and had three seasons with them before merging into the Ospreys when Welsh rugby went regional in 2003. Helped the Ospreys win the Magners League twice and the EDF Energy Cup. He topped 100 appearances for the Ospreys this season. He got his first taste of rugby in South Africa when part of the Welsh team at the inaugural IRB U21 World Cup in 2002. Wales finished fourth and Jones lined-up alongside fellow Lion Mike Phillips.

He made his Wales debut as a replacement against England in 2003 and became the first choice tight head prop at the 2003 World Cup, starting in the epic clashes with New Zealand and England in the tournament. Started all games in Wales' 2005 and 2008 Grand Slam campaigns and won his 50th cap against South Africa in the 20-15 defeat at the Millennium Stadium in November, 2008.



RUGBY FACTS

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | T | C | P | DG | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Wales | 56 | 29 | 2 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Lions Tests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lions Overall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

OFF THE CUFF

First Picked up Rugby ball?
Aged 7

First Team? Penycae Primary School

First Position? Openside flanker

First Trophy? Maesydderwern Comprehensive U11's

First Rep team?
Neath and Port Talbot U15

First Tour? Magaluf 1998

First Rugby Hero? Olo Brown (New Zealand)

First Rugby Autograph? Richard Webster (Swansea, Wales and Lions)

Most Influential Coach? Lyn Jones, Sean Holley, Jon Humphreys (Ospreys)

Key Career Moment? Winning Grand Slams in 2005 and 2008

Toughest Opponent? Tony Woodcock (New Zealand)

Best Part of being a Pro? Getting paid to travel and play in front of big crowds

Worst Part? Not a lot

Where Were You in 1997? Watching down the club with the boys



AMAZING

Rides a Harley Davidson motorbike.

Affectionately known as one of the 'Hair Bears' because of his long curly hair.

His prop partner for Ospreys and Wales, Duncan Jones, is the blonde in the partnership.

Was one of a record six Joneses who lined-up for Wales against South Africa in Cardiff in 2004 - Stephen, Duncan, Steve, Adam, Dafydd, Ryan.

Weighted more than 20 stones for much of his playing career.

Put in 200 extra fitness sessions this season to get fit for Lions.



Position
Lock

Country / Club
Wales / Ospreys

Test Caps
Wales 31 (29+2)

Test Points
Wales 20 (4T)

Test Debut
Argentina 27 Wales 25
(11/06/2006 in Puerto Madryn)

Test Record v SA
P4 L4



OSPREYS

ALUN-WYN JONES

Born: 19/09/1985
Swansea, Wales

Ht: 1.98m (6ft 6in)

Wt: 119kg (18st 10lb)

RUGBY LIFE OF ALUN-WYN

Alun-Wyn was voted the Principality Premiership Best Newcomer at the end of the 2005/06 season while playing for Swansea. He received his award in Argentina, where he toured with the Wales squad and won his first cap as a blindside flanker at the age of 20. Like fellow Welsh Lion Andy Powell, he attended Llandovery College and he had played for Wales U19 and U21. He was in the Wales U21 side that lost 27-26 to South Africa at the IRB U21 World Championship in Glasgow in 2004 – Bryan Habana, Earl Rose, Andries Bekker and Derrick Hougaard were in the Boks squad – and played 19 consecutive games for Wales at that age level before injury broke his record run. Helped the 2005 U21 side win a Grand Slam and was quickly snapped up by the Ospreys. Helped them to win the Magners League in 2007 and the EDF Energy Cup in 2008. Was handed the Welsh captaincy for the first time in the 2009 RBS 6 Nations, leading his side to victory over Italy in Rome.



RUGBY FACTS

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | T | C | P | DG | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Wales | 31 | 13 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Lions Tests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lions Overall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

OFF THE CUFF

First Picked up Rugby ball?
In junior school

First Team? Mumbles U9's,
Bonymaen U11's

First Position? No 8

First Trophy? Dewar Shield with
Swansea U15's

First Rep team? Swansea U11

First Tour? Ludlow Ten's tournament

First Rugby Hero? John Eales (Australia)
and Martin Johnson (England)

First Rugby Autograph? Garin Jenkins
(Wales)

Key Career Moment? Winning my
first Welsh cap

Best Part of being a Pro? Winning

Worst Part? Losing

Where Were You in 1997?
Primary school



AMAZING

Completed his A levels in Glasgow while playing for Wales at the IRB U21 World Cup.

Earned a £3,000 sports scholarship to become one of Swansea University's Elite Athletes.

Is set to complete his Law degree at Swansea University this summer.

Won his first Welsh cap alongside current Ospreys team mates James Hook, Ian Evans and Richard Hibbard in Puerto Madryn, Argentina.

Had to carry a two-foot olive timber love spoon on that tour as the youngest member of the Wales squad.

**Position**

Fly half

Country / Club

Wales / Scarlets

Test CapsWales 80 (68+12)
Lions 3 (2+1)**Test Points**Wales 693 (6T, 117C,
138P, 5DG)
Lions 14 (1C, 4P)**Test Debut**South Africa 96 Wales 13
(27/06/1998 in Pretoria)**Lions Test Debut**New Zealand 21 Lions 3
(25/06/2005 in Christchurch)**Test Record v SA**

P8 L8 (60 pts, 15P, 6C, 1DG)

Lions Record New Zealand 2005

NZ Maoris 19 - 13 Lions (1C,2P)

Wellington 6 - 23 Lions

New Zealand 21 - 3 Lions

New Zealand 48 - 18 Lions

New Zealand 38 - 19 Lions (1C,4P)

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STEPHEN MICHAEL JONES

**Born:** 08/12/1977

Aberystwyth, Wales

Ht: 1.83m (6ft 0in)**Wt:** 95kg (15st 0lb)

RUGBY LIFE OF STEPHEN

Stephen made his Test debut as a replacement in Wales' record defeat against the Springboks in Pretoria in 1998 and has gone on to become his country's second highest points scorer and most capped fly half. He has started at full back, fly half and centre for Wales. He has two Grand Slams under his belt, played at three World Cups and captained Wales on eight occasions. He was a Lion in New Zealand four years ago, featuring in all three Tests. He played for Wales Schools, captained the Wales U21 side to a Grand Slam and played his club rugby for Llanelli, the Scarlets and, for two seasons, ASM Clermont Auvergne. He scored 21 points against the Springboks at the Millennium Stadium in Wales' 38-36 defeat in 2004, but is still waiting for his first win over South Africa after eight attempts.



RUGBY FACTS

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | T | C | P | DG | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|---|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Wales | 80 | 36 | 2 | 42 | 6 | 117 | 138 | 5 | 693 |
| Lions Tests | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 14 |
| Lions Overall | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 22 |

OFF THE CUFF

First Team? Nantgareidg RFC**First Position?** Fly half**First Rep team?** Dyfed County Schools**First Rugby Hero?** Ieuan Evans (Wales)**Key Career Moment?**

Winning Grand Slam in 2005

Best Part of being a Pro?

Getting to travel

Worst Part? Injuries**Where Were You in 1997?**

Playing Cricket for my local team



AMAZING

He is planning to open a restaurant with Dwayne Peel in Llanelli next year.

Has a share in a horse called Ski Sunday with Regan King, Simon Easterby and Stuart Gallacher.

Voted best fly half in French rugby at the end of his first season at ASM Clermont Auvergne by the French media.

Won only once in five outings with the Lions in 2005, against Wellington.

He has started 66 games at outside for Wales, equalling Neil Jenkins.

He is the 12th highest points scorer in international rugby history.

Played under 15 different Welsh captains and nine coaches in his career.

**Position**

Full back

Country / Club

Ireland / Leinster

Test Caps

Ireland 16 (15+1)

Test Points

Ireland 22 (4T, 1C)

Test DebutArgentina 16 Ireland 0
(02/06/2007 in Buenos Aires)**Lions Test Debut**Australia 13, Lions 29
(30/06/2001 in Brisbane)**Test Record v SA**

No Games



ROB KEARNEY

Born: 26/03/1986

Dublin, Ireland

Ht: 1.85m (6ft 1in)**Wt:** 90kg (14st 2lb)**RUGBY LIFE OF ROB**

Rob is equally at home at wing or full back and earned a professional contract at Leinster having played for Ireland Schools and Ireland U19. He attended the same Clongowes Wood College as 2005 Lion, and Leinster and Ireland team mate, Gordon D'Arcy. He won five caps for Ireland A and was first introduced to the senior Irish training squad in 2005.

But he had to wait until the summer of 2007, on the tour to Argentina, before winning his first cap as a wing. His first taste of RBS 6 Nations action came as a replacement centre against Italy at Croke Park in 2008 and he figured in all five games that season. He notched his first Test try in a home win over Scotland and then grabbed another in a defeat against England at Twickenham. He helped Leinster win the Magners League in 2008, playing in 14 games, and was part of the team that took the Dubliners to the Heineken Cup final this year. He started all five games at full back in Ireland's Grand Slam campaign in 2009.

**RUGBY FACTS**

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | T | C | P | DG | PTS |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Ireland | 16 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Lions Tests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lions Overall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

OFF THE CUFF**First Team?** Dundalk RFC**First Position?** Flanker**First Trophy?** At U15 level**First Rep team?** Leinster U18**First Tour?** To Australia with Schools team**First Rugby Hero?** Christian Cullen (New Zealand)**First Rugby Autograph?** Keith Woods (Ireland and Lions)**Most Influential Coach?** Adam Lewis**Key Career Moment?** First Ireland cap**Toughest Opponent?** New Zealand**Best Part of being a Pro?** Playing in big matches at big venues**Worst Part?** Injuries**Where Were You in 1997?** At home glued to Sky Sports**AMAZING**

He scored a hat-trick of tries on his Leinster debut in a friendly against Parma.

He was a highly competent Gaelic footballer in the Minor (Under 18) age group with Louth.

Is a very keen, and pretty good, billiards player.



LEE ANDREW MEARS

Born: 05/03/1979
Torquay, England

Ht: 1.73m (5ft 8in)
Wt: 96kg (15st 2lb)

Position
Hooker

Country / Club
England / Bath

Test Caps
England 34 (16+18)

Test Points
England 5 (1T)

Test Debut
England 40 Samoa 3
(26/11/2005 at Twickenham)

Test Record v SA
P3 W1 L2



RUGBY LIFE OF LEE

Lee finally nailed down the England hooking role after a three year period in which 18 of his first 21 caps were as a replacement. But since March 2008 he has been the starting hooker for his country in their last 13 Tests. Was in the same England U18 Schools side that completed a Grand Slam and went unbeaten on tour to Australia in 1997 as Jonny Wilkinson, Andrew Sheridan and current England captain Steve Borthwick. Also played for England U16, U19 and U21. Played in the IRB Under 21 World Cup in New Zealand and then featured in two Churchill Cups with England A. A one club player, he joined the Bath Academy in 1997 after leaving Colston's School, where he was taught in the classroom and on the field by ex-Lion and England coach Andy Robinson. Helped Bath win the European Challenge Cup in 2008 and was part of the team that reached the semi-finals of the Guinness Premiership this season.



RUGBY FACTS

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | T | C | P | DG | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| England | 34 | 14 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Lions Tests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lions Overall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

OFF THE CUFF

First Picked up Rugby ball?
At a family BBQ

First Team? Torquay (Tics)

First Position? Hooker

First Trophy? Devon Cup with Paignton Primary School

First Rep team? England U16

First Tour? Digns Crusaders to Butlins

First Rugby Hero? Sean Fitzpatrick (New Zealand)

First Rugby Autograph? Richard Hill (Saracens, England and Lions)

Most Influential Coach? Mike Foley (Bath and Australia)

Key Career Moment? First England cap

Toughest Opponent? Garin Jenkins (Wales)

Best Part of being a Pro? Getting paid for something you'd gladly do for free

Worst Part? Training in the wet and cold

Where Were You in 1997?
On holiday in the Maldives



AMAZING

He loves to cook for his wife and once went to a Cookery School in Bath.

He is also keen on flying and is taking lessons.

This is his Testimonial Season at Bath.

He is very superstitious and always puts on his left sock before his right.

He also likes to be the second man out onto the field and has the same cereal and toast combination before a game regardless of kick-off time.

**Position**

Wing

Country / Club

England / Harlequins

Test Caps

England 6 (6+0)

Test Points

England 5 (1T)

Test Debut

England 39,
Pacific Islanders 13
(08/11/2008
at Twickenham)

Test Record v SA

P1 L1



UGICHUKWU (UGO) CHIEDOZIE MONYE

Born: 13/04/1983

London, England

Ht: 1.88m (6ft 2in)**Wt:** 95kg (14st 13lb)**RUGBY LIFE OF UGO**

At the start of the season Ugo spent five days lying on his back being fed by his flat mate through a straw because of a problem with a bulging disc in his back. His powers of recovery, aided by Pilates, were such that he finally made his England debut against the Pacific Islanders two months later. Lightning quick – he has a best time over 100 metres of 10.65 sec – he was good enough to mix it with Olympic sprinters like Mark Lewis-Francis and Tyrone Edgar when he was at school. Graduated into the full England side this season after playing for England U19, U21 at two IRB World Championships (2003 and 2004), England A and England Saxons. Won six caps over the season and helped Harlequins reach the quarter-finals of the Heineken Cup and knock-out stages of the Guinness Premiership.

**RUGBY FACTS**

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | T | C | P | DG | PTS |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| England | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Lions Tests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lions Overall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

OFF THE CUFF**First Picked up Rugby ball?**

Age 13 at Lord Wandsworth College

First Team? Alton RFC, Hampshire**First Position?** Wing

First Trophy? Sevenoaks 7-a-side with
School Under 15s

First Rep team? Hampshire U17

First Tour? To South Africa with School
team age 17

First Rugby Hero? Jonah Lomu (New
Zealand)/Rory and Tony Underwood
(England / Lions)

First Rugby Autograph? Dan Luger
(England / Lions)

Most Influential Coach? John Kingston
(Harlequins)

Key Career Moment? Getting contract
with Harlequins and winning first England
cap

Best Part of being a Pro? Being able to
achieve something you've always wanted

Worst Part? Early mornings and tiredness
and soreness after games

Where Were You in 1997?
Watching at school

**AMAZING**

His cousin, Jude Monye, won an Olympic silver medal at Atlanta in 2000 in the 4 x 400 Nigerian relay team.

He was in the same house at Lord Wandsworth College, Hampshire, as Jonny Wilkinson – Sutton House.

Hong Kong Sevens winner with England.

**Position**

Prop

Country / ClubScotland /
Northampton Saints**Test Caps**

Scotland 28 (27+1)

Test Points

Scotland 10 (2T)

Test DebutRomania 19 Scotland 39
(05/06/2005 in Bucharest)**Test Record v SA**

P2 L2



EUAN ALISTAIR MURRAY

Born: 07/08/1980
Glasgow, Scotland

Ht: 1.80m (6ft 1in)
Wt: 118kg (18st 8lb)

RUGBY LIFE OF EUAN

Euan helped Northampton Saints reach the semi-finals of the EDF Energy Cup and the final of the European Challenge Cup this season. He signed a new three-year deal with the Saints in March that will keep him at Franklin's Gardens until 2012. Played for Scotland U18, U19 and U21, playing in the FIRA U19 World Cup in Wales in 1999 and two Sanzar Under 21 tournaments. He played for Scotland against the Barbarians in May, 2005 in an uncapped match before making his Test debut a month later in Bucharest against Romania. His career almost came to an abrupt end in September that year when he was knocked unconscious playing for Glasgow against Munster in the Magners League. He went into convulsions on the pitch and his team mates feared for his safety. He had a two month lay off after that collision with Anthony Horgan's knee because he was suffering from the symptoms of vertigo. He marks that 'near death' experience as a turning point in his life.



RUGBY FACTS

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | T | C | P | DG | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Scotland | 28 | 12 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Lions Tests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lions Overall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

OFF THE CUFF

First Picked up Rugby ball?

Clarkston RFC, Glasgow

First Team? Clarkston U12s**First Position?** Centre**First Trophy?** 1992 Digital Tournament
age 12**First Rep team?** Glasgow U16**First Tour?** To New Zealand with
Glasgow Thistles in 1998**First Rugby Autograph?**

Never asked for one

Key Career Moment? Getting severely
concussed in September 2005**Toughest Opponent?**
Olivier Milloud (France)**Best Part of being a Pro?**
Lots of free time**Worst Part?** Always too tired to do
anything with free time**Where Were You in 1997?** Watching at
family home Chapleton

AMAZING

He is an accomplished piano player.

He held off becoming a full-time professional to qualify as a veterinary surgeon.

Man of the Match against South Africa in November internationals.

A stress fracture of the spine forced him to leave Scotland's 2004 tour to Australia without playing a game.