



HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

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# Hawthorn High School Report

## Rugby: Boys? Girls? or Both?

The modern era sees both genders uniting to play the national sport, rugby. The whole country is extremely passionate and patriotic when it comes to the Welsh rugby team. This sport dates back to the ancient Romans, who played handball games, similar to rugby. We can't deny that rugby lives and breathes within the Welsh nation. We all love game day, where we release patriotism.

Rugby has a massive influence on the younger generation as shown by the increased uptake of the sport. Rugby is predominantly a male sport, however, in the past decade, rugby and many other sports have seen a surge of female players. So it is no surprise that we see female players within the community.

In Hawthorn High School, Morganne Tuchli Davies has gone one step further by securing her position in the Cardiff Blues Ladies. This is a massive achievement for her and her family. She has secured her place as the centre position. We had the chance to catch up with Morganne to find out more about her experience.

We asked Morganne about her initial thoughts on rugby and how she got attached to the sport. She told us that she only recently took

up the sport, this year. As well as playing for the Blues, Morganne also plays for Cardiff Harlequins. On the day of the trial, she felt "scared and nervous" as she believed that the other girls were better and more experienced. Morganne hasn't had any injuries with her new team but has suffered concussion with Cardiff Harlequins. She has also been on crutches with an injury dealt to her leg. Morganne said she got her inspiration from watching the Welsh rugby on TV. As rugby is predominantly a male sport, I asked her what her views were on female players. She responded by saying that girls are equally talented and should be treated and supported the same as male players.

Furthermore there was an outstanding achievement among the boys too. Three boys from year 10 made it into Pontypridd District. Jake Owen, Dylan Morgan and Liam Frazer acquired they position in the District squad.

We were only able to interview two of the boys who got into Pontypridd District, earlier on this year. Liam told us that he started playing last year for Taffs Well. He said that he has endured a broken nose from playing rugby. Liam was inspired to start rugby by watching the home nation play, he said he loved the spirit and atmosphere of the game and

wanted to join in. He believes that Pontypridd District are a very good squad of players and can get to the final if they unite as a team and play well. Dylan explained that he started playing 3 years ago for Taffs Well too. However he has only experienced an injured leg and was out for 1 month. He added how gutted he was to be out for that long and unable to play the game he loves. He expressed his passion for the game as, when asked what he likes most about rugby, he replied he "loves it all". Dylan believes they have a strong group of boys that will win games and make the school proud.



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