1823

BIRTH OF RUGBY

William Webb Ellis allegedly runs with the ball at Rugby School.

1871

FORMATION OF RFU

England establishes the first governing body.

1881

WELSH RUGBY UNION FOUNDED

Wales creates its own governing body.

1883

FIRST HOME NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Wales joins England, Scotland, and Ireland.

1905

WALES BEATS NEW ZEALAND

Historic victory against the All Blacks.

1923

FIRST RUGBY MATCH BROADCAST ON RADIO

Rugby reaches a wider audience.

1987

FIRST RUGBY WORLD CUP

Hosted by New Zealand and Australia.

1995

RUGBY TURNS PROFESSIONAL

Major shift in the sport's structure.

1972

LLANELLI BEATS NEW ZEALAND

Famous Stradey Park victory: "The day the pubs ran dry."

2005

WALES WINS GRAND SLAM

A modern high point for Welsh rugby.

2019

WALES REACHES WORLD CUP SEMI-FINAL

Showcasing resilience and skill.

1906

FIRST BLACK PLAYER IN INTERNATIONAL RUGBY

James Peters plays for England.

1981

WELSH PLAYERS AGAINST APARTHEID

Welsh players join protests against South Africa's racial policies.

1995

SOUTH AFRICA HOSTS WORLD CUP POST-APARTHEID

Symbol of reconciliation and inclusion.

2003

COLIN CHARVIS CAPTAINS WALES

First Black captain of Wales.

1982

FRANCE PLAY THE NETHER-LANDS IN THE FIRST WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL RUGBY MATCH

Marks gender inclusion in rugby.

2009

WALES' GARETH THOMAS BECOMES THE FIRST OPENLY LGBTQ+ PROFESSIONAL PLAYER

Breaking barriers for representation.

2000

FIRST WHEELCHAIR RUGBY PARALYMPIC MEDAL EVENT

Expanding accessibility in sport.