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Name

Jonathan Davies MBE

Topics and Title

Welsh Rugby Player & After Dinner Speaker

Background History

Welsh rugby legend Jonathan Davies is a very popular and unique individual that has achieved so much on and off the sportsfield. His playing days came to an end in 1997 having reached the pinnacle of both the Rugby Union and League codes and he has since gone on to make a name for himself in the media world.

Jonathan made his mark at club level with Neath and Llanelli before taking the revered Welsh No.10 jersey for his international debut against England in 1985. His try and drop goal in Wales' 24-15 win that day marked the start of a career in top level rugby that took him around the world - and in an even greater move - across codes to Rugby League.

In League, Jonathan represented Widnes, Warrington and Great Britain, and was twice voted rugby league's players player of the year. He returned to Rugby Union in 1995 with Cardiff, adding five international caps to his tally of 27.

One of the BBC's key commentators and analysts for Rugby Union and Rugby League, Jonathan's distinctive voice, insightful intelligent opinion and genial demeanour are loved and admired by millions of viewers. He is always thoroughly prepared and consistently delivers a high level of comment.

He is also a columnist with the Independent on Sunday, the co-host of a chat show in addition to being a regular on the speaking circuit. His speeches and presentations that cover areas such as; 'Handling Pressure', 'Attitude' and 'Instinct & Genius' go down very well with audiences.

Career Highlights:

Wales: 32 Tests, 5 Tries

1997: Final international appearance (v England)

1995: Awarded MBE for services to rugby

1991: Wins Rugby League's Player of the Year Award

1989: Switches codes to play for Widnes Rugby League

1985: International debut (v England)