

MILLENNIUM STADIUM, WALES

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Capacity: 74,500



It was 100 years ago, on 11 March 1911, that Billy Trew's Welsh side clinched what was the first 'official' Grand Slam with a 16-0 win over Ireland at Cardiff Arms Park. The Welsh Rugby Union celebrates its 130th anniversary this year and a repeat of that success on the same site, albeit nowadays known as the Millennium Stadium, will undoubtedly be the aim.

The Millennium Stadium will host its second Friday night Championship match when the 2011 RBS 6 Nations kicks-off with the 120th meeting between Wales and England on 4 February. England edged ahead in the series 54-53 with their win in the Twickenham Stadium centenary fixture, but have not won at the Millennium Stadium since their last Grand Slam winning campaign in 2003.

The Millennium Stadium was completed in time to host the 1999 World Cup Final having opened its doors for the first time on 26 June, 1999, when Rob Howley led his side to a historic first win over the Springboks. A few months later the 1999 World Cup started and finished at the new home of Welsh rugby and on 5 February, 2000 it hosted its first 6 Nations fixture. Since then the £160m venue, which is the only one in the UK with a fully retractable roof and removable pitch, has hosted a wide variety of sporting and musical events.

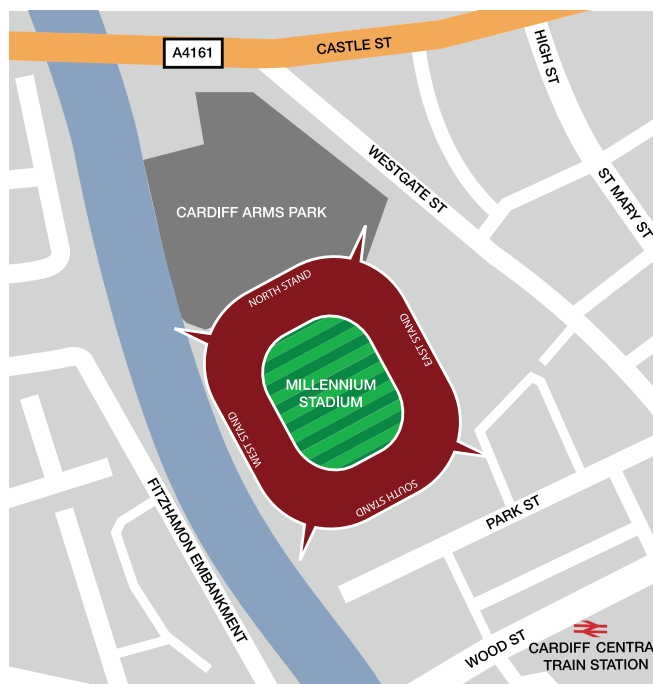
The FA Cup Finals of 2001 – 2006 were staged in Cardiff, as were the Carling Cup Finals and Football League Play-Off Finals of the same period. Three Rugby League Challenge Cup Finals were staged at the ground and the British Speedway Grand Prix has been held there for the past decade.

MILLENNIUM STADIUM CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

Games 28	Home Nations 0	5 Nations 0	6 Nations 28
International Debut Wales 29 S. Africa 19 26 June, 1999	Championship Debut Wales 3 France 36 5 February, 2000	6 Nations Debut Wales 3 France 36 5 February, 2000	Success Rate 55.35% Best Winning Run 5

HOW TO GET THERE

The Millennium Stadium is located on the site of the old Cardiff Arms Park in the heart of the Welsh capital. On matchdays there are street closures surrounding the ground with Westgate Street and St Mary Street being the most affected.



Cardiff Central train station is 400m from the south end of the ground and provides links to England (Paddington is 2 hours away) as well as all parts of Wales.

Car parking is severely restricted around the ground on match day and there is no public parking at the Millennium Stadium itself.

Cardiff Airport is roughly 12 miles west of the stadium and can be reached by rail, bus or taxi.

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