LLANELLI RUGBY CLUB

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In 1884 Llanelli played an Irish XV who stopped off in the town having played Wales in Cardiff a couple of days previously. It was this match that the team played in a scarlet shirt which has remained the club's first colour ever since, and which also led to the club's nickname "The Scarlet's" and the name of the regional team nearly 120 years later. Their first major trophies came in 1884 and 1886 in the South Wales Challenge Cup, the forerunner to the modern Welsh Cup. December 1888 saw the team beat a touring New Zealand Natives team by 3-0 from a dropped goal from Harry Bowen. The team claimed their first full international scalp in 1908 when they beat Australia 8-3. This would be the first of many famous victories over touring international sides. Players that wore the Scarlet jersey from this pre-war era included Albert Jenkins who scored over 121 tries for the club as a centre.

These are some pictures of Llanelli rugby kit





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