HODGES, JEHOIADA (1877? - 1930), Wales and Newport Rugby forward

Name: Jehoiada Hodges Date of birth: 1877? Date of death: 1930 Gender: Male

Occupation: Wales and Newport Rugby forward Area of activity: Sports and Leisure Pursuits

Author: Moelwyn Idwal Williams

Born 1877? at Newport, he was regarded as one of the most dashing forwards of his day with a capacity for rising to a great occasion. He was noted for doing everything well, whether scrummaging, dribbling, tackling, or passing. Hodges played regularly for the Newport Rugby club and between 1899 and 1906 he played in twenty-three international matches for Wales.

The most remarkable experience in his career was in the match against England at Swansea in 1903 when, after T. W. Pearson had retired injured, Hodges was moved from the scrum to the wing, and then went on to score three tries.

He died 13 September 1930, aged fifty-three.

Author

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