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? Top Story: Wales 35-28 New Zealand — 73 years of hurt end in Cardiff

Wales beat New Zealand for the first time in 73 years on Saturday, ending a run of 34 straight defeats stretching back to 1953 with a 35-28 Nations Championship win at the Principality Stadium. Steve Tandy's side scored five tries — through Tomos Williams, captain Dewi Lake, prop Archie Griffin, centre Eddie James and Louis Rees-Zammit, all five converted by Costelow — and led 14-0 inside six minutes, 21-7 and 35-21 before holding out in a frantic final quarter.

New Zealand levelled at 21-21 by half-time through Cortez Ratima, Wallace Sititi and Fehi Fineanganofo, and Peter Lakai pulled one back after the break, but Wales held the All Blacks up over their own line three times in a defensive effort that had the ground in disbelief. Dafydd Jenkins equalled Thierry Dusautoir's world record of 38 tackles in a Test, with man of the match James Botham and Jac Morgan both topping 30.

"A moment for Welsh rugby. After 73 years, this is a moment that will live long in Welsh sporting history," said First Minister Rhun ap Iorwerth. Gavin and Stacey star Ruth Jones posted a video of her reaction: "Wales has just beaten the All Blacks. It is incredible." Outside the ground, retired civil servant Joy Morris, 62, from Ammanford, said: "We thought we would be lucky for a try and it was absolutely awesome."

Sam Warburton called it "one of the greatest Welsh wins of all time" and "one of the most heroic defensive performances I have ever seen". Huw Llywelyn Davies, 81, who watched the 1953 win as an eight-year-old with his father, said: "I never thought I would see it happen again, not unless I

lived to 100."

? Rugby: Tandy's heroes and what comes next

Steve Tandy hailed a "phenomenal" effort and Dan Biggar, alongside Warburton on ITV, called it "probably the biggest shock in world rugby since Japan beat South Africa in 2015" — "this is not a day for analysis; it's just to celebrate being Welsh." The scale of the shock was plain in the odds: some bookmakers went 20-1, others 30-1, and one model gave Wales a three per cent chance. It was the first time Wales had ever scored five tries against New Zealand, and only their fourth win in 35 meetings — following 1905, 1935 and 1953. The 55,152 crowd was the smallest for a Wales-New Zealand game at the Principality Stadium. Wales face Australia at the Principality Stadium next Saturday (20:10 GMT) with the mood around Welsh rugby transformed.

? Football: Norway defeat leaves Wales bottom of the group

Wales lost 3-1 in Oslo and will finish bottom of Nations League Group A4 whatever happens against Portugal on Tuesday. Antonio Nusa and Andreas Schjelderup scored inside nine second-half minutes after a goalless first half, substitute David Brooks pulled one back with 11 minutes left, and Erling Haaland converted a penalty after Connor Roberts brought down Schjelderup — his 23rd Nations League goal. Ethan Ampadu was booked and is suspended for the Portugal game. Wales are now certain to miss pot-one seeding for Euro 2028 qualifying and will almost certainly face a relegation play-off in March, with the draw in Nyon on 20 November; they would need an unlikely set of results elsewhere to drop automatically. "We wanted to be in pot one. That was the drive," said Craig Bellamy. "Maybe I'm naïve. I see in big parts of that game we can be in pot one."

?? Senedd & politics: Skates says sorry as Menon review lands

Ken Skates apologised to voters in his first conference speech as Welsh Labour leader, telling the Llandudno gathering the party had treated standing up for Wales as simply seeking more powers for the Senedd. "I reject that test. Standing up for Wales means standing up for the people of Wales, people's jobs and wages, the NHS," he said. "To the people of Wales, on behalf of my party, I am sorry. I'm sorry we fell short on what matters to you most." He said Labour had sometimes prioritised "things that sounded good on paper" and "angered the electorate, making it

easier for people to look for something different", and endorsed Andy Burnham's push for power to move "closer to people".

The Prime Minister told the conference the party may have "lost sight of some of the principles that drove devolution in the first place" and that it "probably stopped listening as much as we should have". He set out a "one Labour team for Wales", confirmed gas standing charges will be scrapped in the new year and said full devolution of employment support is on the table.

Prof Anand Menon's review concluded that Eluned Morgan's "Red Welsh Way" strategy — calling out Westminster and demanding powers such as policing and the Crown Estate — did not get through to voters. It found a long-term decline in support towards other left-wing parties, "weaknesses in political communication", and urged Labour to argue for powers by what they deliver. A source close to the former First Minister called the criticism "ludicrous". At a fringe event Mark Drakeford repeated his call for the devolution of justice, saying the status quo is "indefensible" and prisons are "bulging at the seams"; former counsel general Mick Antoniw complained of "confusion" over the party's message.

?? Courts: Two more charged over Morriston gunshots

Two more men have been charged after a car was hit by gunshots in Morriston, Swansea. Armed officers were called to Clase Road at 16:14 GMT on Friday after damage "consistent with a firearms discharge"; one person suffered minor injuries. James Gilheany, 49, of Llansamlet, is charged with possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence and assault by beating; Pio Gilheany, 21, of Morriston, with affray and possession of an offensive weapon. Both appeared at Swansea Magistrates' Court on Saturday and were remanded to Swansea Crown Court on 11 December, where Thomas Patrick Gilheaney, 29, also faces charges. David Joyce, 24, charged earlier in the week, appears on 14 December. A 41-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy have been bailed.

?? Environment: Fears Monsanto toxic waste scandal is being buried again

Campaigners in Wrexham say they fear the authorities are letting the county's historic toxic waste dumps be hidden once more, months after Michael Sheen's *Buried* documentary put them in the national spotlight. The Monsanto Contamination Action Group wants water, soil and blood testing around sites including Llwyneinion Acid Tar Lagoon, Cefn Mawr and Ruabon, where PCBs from Monsanto's Wrexham plant were dumped. "We're seeing nothing

from the Senedd," said lead campaigner Katie Witherden, who worked at Monsanto and has had her own cancer battle. "We've had more information, more curiosity, really, from Westminster." The group says it expected more support from the Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and Wrexham council.

? Housing & councils

Cardiff Council plans to buy 148 flats to ease pressure on a waiting list of about 9,600 households. Cabinet will be asked on Thursday to approve buying 136 flats on City Road and 12 in Gabalfa, subject to the properties being vacant, using the City Road block as managed permanent accommodation.

Cardiff is also consulting on allocation changes after almost 3,000 responses, which could move overcrowded households up the list where their conditions are worsening serious health, disability or mental health needs; a third of households on the list are classed as overcrowded but only 3% of social homes have four or more bedrooms.

A Saundersfoot holiday let has been allowed to keep operating despite having had no planning permission for 12 years. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park planners granted Luke and Debra Smith a certificate of lawfulness for the one-bed Caban bach at Hendre, St Brides Hill, after evidence it had been let continuously since 2014 — long enough to escape enforcement. It carries an Airbnb rating of 4.88.

The £7.4m Box Works in Ebbw Vale could be handed back to Blaenau Gwent council within weeks, five years after the shipping-container business complex was completed, once contractor Kier finishes repairs to a leaking roof.

Denbighshire councillors have called in a cabinet decision to submit plans for a permanent Gypsy and Traveller site at Marine Road, Prestatyn, meaning the decision returns to cabinet next week.

Wrexham's expanded free Christmas parking will run from 26 November to 31 December — but Plaid Cymru councillors say excluding Sunday daytime is a mistake. The offer costs the council around £30,000 in lost revenue.

? Culture

Sir Kyffin Williams' paintings have been brought to life in a new immersive experience at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth, using the technology behind the Van Gogh, Cézanne and Lowry shows: animated hill farmers and stormy seas in a 360-degree centrepiece, Sir Bryn Terfel narrating in a bilingual presentation, and a touchable reproduction of a self-portrait that lets visitors feel the impasto. The library, which holds about 2,000 of his works, received £500,000 in grants for the project.

Bonnie Tyler's final recording has been released as a Christmas single. "Love, Light and Peace" — written by Chrissie Hammond and Grammy-winner Terry Britten, who played guitar on her 1977 debut album — came out on Friday, four months after the singer, born Gaynor Hopkins in Neath, died aged 75. It closes with an ad-libbed "To all, goodnight."

Charlotte Church is closing The Dreaming, her wellness retreat at Rhydoldog House near Rhayader, five years after opening it in the former home of designer Laura Ashley. The retreat said last month it would pause; it has now confirmed it is shutting for good.

Abersoch's old school has reopened as a community hub, almost five years after Ysgol Babanod Abersoch closed in 2021. Menter Rabar has converted the building into a café, heritage exhibition, multi-purpose room, six business units in converted shipping containers, hot desks and a community garden, creating three full-time jobs.

A Cardiff choir for people living with Parkinson's is helping members "make friends and enjoy themselves, together". Founder Roger Hampton started Good Vibrations after failing to find a group that suited him following his diagnosis; leader Joshua Jones says members' tremors visibly reduce when they start singing.

? Community & health

A woman is walking 10 miles today in memory of her brother, who called his Marie Curie nurses his "angels in blue". Gareth Thomas, 80, died at his sister's home in Gorseinon in May, four months after being diagnosed with two glioblastoma tumours. Mair Renowden and friend Chris Hughes set off from Loughor Boating Club at 8am, aiming to reach Burry Port by 12:45pm — the time Gareth always arranged to meet everyone on a Sunday. Marie Curie research suggests almost one in three people in Wales miss out on the end-of-life care they need.

A woman with terminal cancer has married her partner of 15 years on the hospital ward where she is receiving palliative care. Maggie Heginbothom, 68, a former Public Health Wales clinical scientist with advanced liver cancer, married Mark at Ysbyty Gwynedd in Bangor two days after he proposed at her bedside. Staff on Tegid Ward organised flowers, a harpist, food and cake — and brought in her horses Ozzy and Quiosque from Pen Llŷn Stud and Riding School.

?? Weather

No weather warnings are in force for the UK. BBC Weather's South Wales forecast has a cloudy start with rain turning persistent, then showery through the afternoon with the odd heavier burst, fresh winds on the coast and a maximum of 7°C; Cardiff's table shows 10°C with a low of 2°C. Tonight brings patchy rain, clearer spells towards dawn and a touch of frost, with a minimum of -1°C. Monday starts bright and dry before turning wet and windy into the evening (max 7°C); Tuesday is blustery with occasionally heavy showers and strong coastal winds, easing on Wednesday.

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