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➤ Cardiff council organising 6 nation rugby 2023 to be held in Cardiff.

What is the six nations Rugby?

The Six Nations rugby is the annual men's rugby tournament. It includes six countries which are France, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Italy. The first game was in 1883; it was called the Home Nations and it was only England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and later France and Italy joined. The game it takes over 6 weeks to finish. The country to win the first two six nations rugby games was England. During the early years, a few of the games were cancelled due to disputes between the teams. Because of these disputes, the International Rugby Board (IRB) was formed in 1886. However, England refused to join the IRB and so were excluded from two tournaments, the 1888 and the 1889 games. In 1910 France joined to become the Five Nations and in the early 2000s, Italy joined to complete the Six Nations. The prize for winning the Six Nations tournament is £5 million. There is a bonus of £1 million for completing the Grand Slam [1]. The capacity of Principality Stadium in Cardiff is 74,000 people and it usually is at full capacity during Six Nations games. Cardiff is hosting the 2023 Six Nation rugby and is expecting tens of thousands of people to attend Cardiff for the games.

The Hillsborough Disaster, it happened in 1989, 96 people were died and hundreds more were injured due to the crowd of the fans trying to get into the ground. Eddie Spearritt's testimony of his son Adam dying Infront of him. He said the crush came; it wasn't surge. It was like a vice getting tighter and tighter and tighter. I turned Adam round to me. He was obviously in distress. There was a police officer, about five or six feet away and I started begging him to open the gate. I was screaming. Adam had fainted and my words were 'My lovely son is dying 'and begging him to help me and he didn't do anything. I grabbed hold of Adam's lapels and tried to lift him over the fence. It was ten feet or thereabouts with spikes coming in. I couldn't lift him. So I started punching the fence in the hope I could punch it down. Right at the beginning when I was begging the officer to open the gate, sadly he said if the officer

would opened it, I know I could have got Adam out and I know this because I was there.

Bomb detector

On 22 May 2017, a shrapnel-laden homemade bomb was detonated as people were leaving the Manchester Arena following a concert by the American singer, Ariana Grande. A suicide bomber detonated and improvised explosive device, packed with nuts and bolts to act as shrapnel, in the foyer area of the Manchester Arena. The attack took place just after the concert resulting in many exiting concert-goers and waiting parents who were in the foyer at the time of the explosion being hurt or killed. According to evidence presented at the coroner's inquest, the detonation of the bomb killed people who were up to 20 meter away. It was deadliest attack in the United Kingdom since the London bombings on 7 July 2005. The blast the killed the attacker and 22 people and 119 were injured. Great Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) Played no meaningful role in the in the response for approximately two hours after the attack occurred. This meant that a valuable resource was not to assist the horrific disaster. The firefighter heard the explosion from their base at Manchester Central fire station, which is just under a kilometre away from the concert venue.

In 2017 Cardiff city held UEFA Champions League final in Cardiff in Millennium Stadium but now the name of stadium has been changed to Principality stadium. Transformation in and around the city centre have been going on for weeks – security barriers have been erected, fan zone created, and safety precautions put in place on main roads. Amid a huge police operation which will see the deployment of armed officers, facial recognition software will also be used at the principality Stadium and central railway station.

How can Cardiff council deal with the crowds? Is public transport available for everyone to go back home after the games?

Is the price of the hotels and transport going to be the same as usual?
Wondering how Cardiff Council can provide security and police officers to maintain safety and protection to these attending people as well as locals. How

can people get into the stadium and leave safely? After the games, how can we keep the stadiums and the roads clean?

Chapter two:

How can people get into the stadium and leave safely?

Due in 1989 to the fatal human crush of the Hillsborough Disaster, we must make sure that everyone can enter and exit the stadium safely. In order to do this we have to take action to organise a safe way by bringing in enough security staff to manage the large crowds. We must make sure to split an amount of the people to different entrances, to minimise the crowds and reduce chances of overcrowding. After the spectators are within the building, clear signage is necessary to tell the spectators to be in the correct area for their ticket. For this to be possible, their tickets must have the correct information, clearly visible for them to know which area they need to be in. In order to ensure spectators remain in their assigned seats, security staff can be posted between the aisles. As suggested in the Momentum Transport Consultancy article (2021), mobile phones are an easy and accessible way of navigating through the stadium. In addition, to manage the crowds during interval periods of the games due to spectators leaving their seats to buy refreshments, the article also recommends spectators using their mobile phones to pre-order their refreshments, and so reduce the queues. I would suggest Cardiff Council use these techniques to maintain safety during the Six Nations 2023 games.

What can the police offer to keep the public safe on the day of the games?

As we know, spectator violence is high during the games so that's why the police must be present all the time. The police are not just needed within the stadium during the games, but also within Cardiff more generally after the games have finished due to the increased number of people in the city resulting in a higher chance of violence, due to potential disappointment as a result of the games. (Madisen – Spectator Violence in Stadiums, 2008) [2]

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To make sure Cardiff Council have enough Police officers for the Six Nations games, they can request extra officers from neighbouring councils, such as Newport Council or Swansea Council.

Will there be transport available?

One of the issues with public transport during big events, is that there is a larger quantity of people all wanting to go to the same place with the same optimal travel times (Robbins, Dickinson, Calver, 2007). As Cardiff is the capital city of Wales, it already has the infrastructure necessary to facilitate peoples' travel. Most of the people know that on the match day the town is going to be busy with traffic and so they will decide to take public transport. Either trains, buses, or taxis. Therefore, these need to be available to the spectators, as there will be a greater demand on these services than usual.

On match days Cardiff Council usually close all the roads around the city so there should be clear signs to direct where people can get buses or taxis or trains, to prevent large crowds and confusion of people searching for transport. In addition, Cardiff Council could run more buses and trains.

Will hotel prices increase and stay inflated after the Six Nations games?

Research has found that hotel prices increase by 14% on average during sporting event periods (Falk, Vieru, 2020). Normally hotel prices in Cardiff are an average of £71 per night, however, during the Six Nations period, the price is expected to rise to around £800 per night (Lewis, 2020). [2]

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