

LEWIS, CHARLES PRYTHERCH (1853 - 1923), Welsh Rugby footballer and Oxford 'triple Blue'

Name: Charles Prytherch Lewis

Date of birth: 1853

Date of death: 1923

Parent: Frederick Lewis

Gender: Male

Occupation: Welsh Rugby footballer and Oxford 'triple Blue'

Area of activity: Sports and Leisure Pursuits

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Born 20 August 1853, son of Frederick Lewis, Llwyncelyn, Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire. He was educated at Llandovery and Oxford University where he obtained the degree of M.A. Subsequently, Lewis held a mastership for many years at Llandovery, but resigned and later entered the legal profession. 'C.P.', as he was popularly known, was a very prominent figure in the athletic world. Whilst at Oxford he got his 'triple Blue' - winning the hurdle race, throwing the hammer, and playing cricket in the Oxford XI. He represented Wales as a full-back in five international matches between 1882 and 1884. Lewis was also a great cricketer, was a member of the M.C.C., and was once picked to play for England against Australia, but he failed to undertake the journey. He was a member of the Llandovery town council from 1889 to 1920 and in 1899 was made an alderman. He was mayor of the borough during 1894-5 and 1904-5. In 1898 he was made J.P. (Carmarthenshire). He died 27 May 1923.

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