

The 'copa mundial' shadow fabric design as worn by Wales within the 90–92 Umbro kit was also included in England's early 90s pale blue third strip.



H 1987–1990

Design: HUMMEL

After seven years with adidas, Wales switched to Danish sportswear company Hummel, known primarily for their functional yet daring array of strips, who were enjoying their heyday in the late 80s. They launched an attractive silky kit that opted for an all-red approach – perhaps hoping to emulate the highly successful Liverpool side of the time. A collar/wrapover neck ensemble was introduced along with white seam piping, shadow patterned fabric and Hummel's distinctive chevron sleeve trim.

Worn in: An impressive 1989 0-0 draw with West Germany in an otherwise poor Italia 90 World Cup qualifying campaign.

Worn by: Glyn Hodges, Clayton Blackmore, Geraint Williams, David Phillips, Andy Jones.



A 1987–1990

Design: HUMMEL

As with the previous two Welsh away kits, Hummel's change outfit replicated the design of the home, although now in all-yellow with green trim. With the exception of the chevron trim on the cuff-less shirt, the slim-fitting strip was identical in style to that worn by Tottenham Hotspur at the same time. Mike England's long reign as Welsh manager ended in 1988 and he was replaced by Terry Yorath.

Worn in: Consecutive 1987 away defeats to Denmark (1–0) and Czechoslovakia (2–0) in the Euro 88 Qualifiers that helped ensure that once again Wales would fail to qualify for a major tournament. Also worn in the unforgettable 1988 1–0 friendly win over Italy.

Worn by: Neil Slatter, Robbie James, Malcolm Allen, Tony Norman, Barry Horne.



H 1990–1992

Design: UMBRO

From one classy and elegant strip to another. It was a shame that although this particular strip did accompany some impressive performances, none of these fine Welsh outfits received the exposure of a major tournament. Umbro replaced Hummel in 1990 and retained the all-red approach the Scandinavians had introduced three years earlier. However, green was now also becoming an integral part of the colour scheme. An updated version of Umbro's diamond trim adorned the side panels of the shorts and each shirt sleeve.

Worn in: Two stunning 1–0 triumphs over the cream of World football; West Germany (in a European Championships qualifying match) and Brazil (both 1991).

Worn by: Mark Aizlewood, Eric Young.



A 1990–1993

Design: UMBRO

For the first time the Welsh team sported a change outfit that did not follow exactly the design of the home. The shorts were still a little on the snug side, but the flamboyantly adorned shirt was much baggier than those worn at the start of the decade. In principle the basic design of the strip was the same as the home affair and in fact the white shorts and socks could easily be interchanged with the red equivalents. Terry Yorath's five-year tenure came to an end in 1993 and he was eventually replaced by Wales legend John Toshack.

Worn in: A poor 2–0 defeat to Belgium in a USA 94 World Cup Qualifier (1992).

Worn by: Gareth Hall, Dean Saunders, Paul Bodin, Andrew Melville, Mark Bowen.



4 2002

Design: KAPPA

One of the rarest kits worn by a Welsh national side was this all pale-yellow ensemble that was donned for just one game – the August 2002 friendly against Croatia – and featured the same Kombat 2000 template as the existing Wales kits. It was presumably donned as it was felt that all three Welsh outfits clashed too closely with Croatia's strip at the time which consisted of a large red and white chequerboard design, amply trimmed with blue. Replica versions of this all-yellow strip were never made available.

Worn in: The 1–1 draw with Croatia. Wales' goal was scored by Simon Davies.

Worn by: Danny Gabbidon, Robert Earnshaw.



H 2002–2004

Design: KAPPA

Kappa's new kit template, the Kombat 2002, arrived with Wales enjoying a long-overdue rich vein of form. The shirt featured more white than had been worn in some years, with underarm panels in breathable fabric combining with white reversed stitching. The shorts switched back to red and included broad side panels. Towards the end of its lifespan though it did accompany a decidedly mixed bag of Welsh results.

Worn in: The unbelievable Euro 2004 qualifier 2–1 win over Italy in 2002 – the winning goal coming from Craig Bellamy. Also worn later in the campaign in the heartbreaking 1–0 play-off defeat to Russia that scuppered Welsh qualification.

Worn by: Simon Davies, Darren Barnard.



A 2002–2004

Design: KAPPA

A plain and simple reversal of the stunning new home kit was launched as Wales' next away choice. The only alteration was the inclusion of a red neck design in preference to a non-contrasting version as worn on the home jersey. Like the home kit, the longer shorts featured a curved athletic-cut at the sides. However, due to a lack of red-wearing teams in Wales Euro 2004 qualifying group this strip was never worn. Although the Kappa kits employed the clinging lycra 'second-skin' approach, replica versions were produced in much larger sizes for those Welsh fans who didn't have the physique of Ryan Giggs or even John Hartson.



3 2003–2005

Design: KAPPA

For the first time a rich shade of blue was chosen for a Wales away kit. Following the Kombat 2003 template as also worn by Blackburn Rovers and Tottenham in the English league, the shirt featured yellow reversed stitching and a similar crew neck to that included on the first set of Kappa strips. As was the case with the white away kit, this good-looking blue outfit never made it out of the Wales kit cupboard with the senior side able to wear their home red strip in every game played in the Euro 2004 qualifiers. A strange state of affairs and yet one that could not be foreseen by Kappa and the FAW prior to the draw for the qualifying groups.