



WELCOME TO LICHFIELD RFC

We welcome the players, committee and supporters of Lichfield RFC to Glasshouse Lane and look forward to a keenly contested match.

In the curtailed season of 2019/20, we were well beaten 29-0 away at Lichfield's Cooke Fields ground but then we turned things around at home with a 20-12 victory shortly before the season was curtailed. In the shortened season Lichfield finished just 4 points behind us with 98 points and were always vying with Kenilworth for the play off spot that never actually materialised!

This season has started incredibly strongly for them and they currently have a full set of 20 points from the 4 matches they have completed. Their match away at Whitchurch was abandoned due to an injured referee and this is due to be replayed next Saturday. It is clear that Lichfield will be one of the front-runners in the league and that today's match will be Kenilworth's toughest test so far this season.

Worcester (Won 67-8)

Both the players and supporters were reminded that rugby isn't a Summer game and it was testament to the skill levels of the team that the persistent rain didn't affect the enjoyment of watching a pretty comprehensive victory.

Worcester seem to be a shadow of the side they were a couple of years ago and whilst they certainly didn't throw in the towel it was clear to see the gulf between the two teams.

The set piece scrummage again proved its worth with

some of the tries coming directly from the power and control exerted by the home 8 and the backline were brave enough to show off their skills despite the poor weather.

A good crowd watched the Kenilworth side rack up 11 tries and the defence was confrontational and well organised in most parts.

Tries came from Jack Rawlins, Bobby Thompson, Matt Tilt, Myles Hibbs and Nathan Tilsley with braces from Mike Ryan, Ben Harrison and 'Peter Pan' AKA Gareth Renowden!

What is promising for the rest of the season is that everyone felt we left 20-25 points out there and hopefully the squad will become even more clinical as the matches come thick and fast.



Line out v Worcester

Securing a High Ball v Worcester



Midlands 1 West 2021/22

Last week's victory over Worcester helped maintain our position at the top of the league with 25 points from the opening 5 games. We have scored 247 points and conceded 55 with each match providing us with the extra try scoring bonus point. Again, we saw a changed squad take the field against Worcester with two debutants David Opoku-Fordjour and Will Canning performing admirably in front of a good-sized crowd.

Last week saw some pretty eye-opening results with today's opponents taking Hereford to the sword and thrashing them 69-0. Perhaps even more startling was Ludlow's 99-0 annihilation of Droitwich and we hope that this doesn't dishearten the Droitwich side so early into the season. Ludlow are definitely a team to be wary of with reports of a number of ex-Luctonians players in their ranks. We play them in 2 weeks time away from home and Danny Rawlins is currently looking to arrange a supporters

MIDLANDS 1 West

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Kenilworth	5	5	0	0	247	55	25
Stoke on Trent	5	5	0	0	139	75	23
Lichfield	4	4	0	0	211	58	20
Ludlow	5	4	0	1	196	58	18
Stratford Upon Avon	5	3	0	2	126	86	14
Old Halesonians	5	2	1	2	124	124	12
Hereford	5	2	1	2	93	144	11
Newbold on Avon	5	1	2	2	95	105	9
Whitchurch	4	1	1	2	75	89	8
Malvern	5	1	1	3	78	126	7
Sutton Coldfield	5	1	0	4	91	192	7
Worcester	5	1	0	4	79	197	6
Wolverhampton	5	0	1	4	62	107	4
Droitwich	5	0	1	4	49	249	2

coach with a pub stop en route. Please e mail Danny on tighthead@ntlworld.com to book your space. The other unbeaten side in the league are Stoke On Trent who edged out Stratford 17-5 but didn't pick up a bonus point. Malvern and Wolverhampton fought out a 3-3 classic and Newbold drew 7-7 with Whitchurch.

Playing Squad update:

You may have been wondering what some of the players who featured for the 1XV before the pandemic are up to this season. The good news is that many are still part of the club although some have embarked on projects that currently preclude them from training and playing regularly:

Will Davies - Taking a year away from rugby due to studies

Sam Harrison - Moved back up North due to work.

Ollie Burman - Retired due to injury and focusing on new business.

Connor Burnet - Moved back to his boyhood club, Broadstreet RFC.

Nyle Beckett - Time away from the game to build new business venture. Still an active member.

Jack Scott - Moved to Bristol to start new FWX gyms franchise, working with ex-1st XV player Jack Gibson

Luke Truslove - Focusing on his hotel business, along with playing at his boyhood club, Broadstreet RFC

Nick Gerber - Time away from the game due to other outside interests

Tondi Mpambawasha - Work and study commitments mean that he will return in the New Year

Alex Selby - Building his fitness business, so limited availability

Harry Abell - Has been participating in triathlons, but is now back training

Charlie Stevens - Time away from the game; we hope to see him back in the next few weeks

Player Sponsors:

You will see in the centre of this insert a list of our Player Sponsors. There are a few players looking for sponsorship and if you are interested in taking one on, then please contact Director of Rugby Jai Purewal on:

jaipurewal@hotmail.com

New Playing Kit

Our opening match versus Whitchurch also saw the debut of our new kit from Akuma and the feedback from the players and supporters has been very positive. We have agreed a 'whole club' kit deal with Akuma who are based just up the road near Honiley. We look forward to working closely with such a well-regarded and ambitious company across all of our sections and the newly designed club

shirts and associated apparel are available to purchase through their online shop. Details can be found on the Akuma advert within the programme and the link is <https://akumashops.com/kenilworthrucf/shop/> with the password being KenilworthRUCF.



THIS WEEK'S OTHER FIXTURES

Droitwich	V	Malvern
Hereford	V	Ludlow
Whitchurch	V	Old Halesonians
Wolverhampton	V	Newbold on Avon
Worcester	V	Stratford Upon Avon
Sutton Coldfield	V	Stoke on Trent

Our website has now moved to its new home and is still accessible from the usual address:

www.kenilworthrugby.co.uk

This project still remains a work in progress, improvements and additions are still being made and all the previous historic content from the previous version such as match reports and photos have been archived.

Full fixtures for all teams are now live on the website along with match reports and galleries for this season.

The sponsors pages are being updated and we ask for members' patience whilst the new website takes shape.

Men's Teams for 9th October 2021

Kenilworth

Blue with Gold Shirts, Blue Shorts

1.....	George Walsh
2.....	Ollie Stone
3.....	Jake Dodd
4.....	Lewis Kavanagh
5.....	Jonny Openshaw
6.....	Paddy Grace
7.....	Bobby Thompson (C)
8.....	Michael Ryan
9.....	Gareth Renowden
10.....	Tyler Price
11.....	Ben Harrison
12.....	Nathan Tilsley
13.....	Ed Hannam
14.....	Sam Peppitt
15.....	Garrett Bell

Replacements:

16.....	Adam Carey
17.....	Chaz Hudson
18.....	Will Canning

Today's referee:

Jeremy Nesbitt
Warwickshire Society

Lichfield

Green Shirts, Navy Shorts

1.....	Calum Hagyard
2.....	Jack Fielding
3.....	Josh Machin
4.....	Callum Turner
5.....	Matt Cowley
6.....	Kieran Reynolds
7.....	Charlie Milner
8.....	Richard Burton
9.....	Sam Benson
10.....	Adam Spinner
11.....	Paul Maxwell-Keys
12.....	David Lote
13.....	Woody Pugh
14.....	Joe Bourne
15.....	Cameron Pallister

Replacements:

16.....	Sam Craddoick
17.....	Jake Turley
18.....	Kai Lucas-Dumolo

Player Sponsors

Player	Sponsor	Player	Sponsor
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Bobby Thompson v Worcester

PRE-MATCH LUNCHEONS

Today's lunch is the first of our 2 'Former Players' lunches and it will be great to see some familiar faces from the past in the bar and in the back room. We are sure that there will be plenty of support on the touchline along with the odd word or two of advice!!

Forthcoming pre-match lunches can be found on the club website under 'Events' and you will be able to book your space online for many of them.

The Pirates lunch is scheduled for Saturday 4th December which is the local derby match against Stratford, there will be live music after the match in honour of former KRFC stalwart Nick Moore.

The annual Christmas lunch will be on Saturday 18th December and as ever, places will go quickly. Enjoy a 3-course festive lunch along with a fun auction and raffle – this will also be followed by some live music and the players Christmas Social. Tickets can be booked on the club website or by e mailing saralouiseboard@gmail.com

If anyone has any contacts for a local band that might be able to play at this event, they should e mail Dom Carrick at:

domcarrick@yahoo.co.uk

RFU President Jeff Blackett's Charity Walk

As part of the RFU 150th anniversary celebrations the RFU President HHJ Jeff Blackett and his wife Sally are

undertaking the challenge of a 150 mile walk. The aim is to walk 10 miles on 15 consecutive days taking in as many as possible of the 28 Geographic Constituent Bodies (CBs). The plan (Covid restrictions permitting) is to walk in at least 15 separate CBs, starting in Hampshire, and working around England, ending up at Twickenham.

Warwickshire are proud to announce that it has been selected by Jeff as one of the CB's he will visit and this is to take place on Thursday 28th October 2021. Kenilworth have been chosen to be one of the locations for part of the walk and we are planning a number of activities on the day to mark the occasion. Please put the date in your diaries (it is half-term) and the club will release further details in due course.

Warwickshire 1XV Cup

There has been some talk of the Warwickshire Cup

WHAT'S ON AT KRFC	
10th Oct	Women's 2XV v Silhillians
17th Oct	Men's Warwickshire Cup Final v Nuneaton (Butts Park Arena TBC)
28th Oct	RFU Presidents Charity Walk at KRFC
4th Dec	Pirates Lunch – Mens 1XV v Stratford
18th Dec	Christmas Lunch, Mens 1XV v Wolverhampton

KENILWORTH RFC 1ST FIXTURES 2021/2022

Date	Opposition	For	Agst.	Pos.
Pre-season friendlies				
08 08 21	Didsbury Toc H (A)	33	5	
12 08 21	Bromsgrove (A)	33	31	
Warwickshire Cup				
17 08 21	Newbold	27	10	
League				
04 09 21	Whitchurch (H)	41	15	2nd
11 09 21	Wolverhampton (A)	27	5	1st
18 09 21	Droitwich (H)	59	17	1st
25 09 21	Hereford (A)	50	10	1st
02 10 21	Worcester (H)	67	8	1st
09 10 21	Lichfield (H)			
Warwickshire Cup Final				
17 10 21	Nuneaton (TBC)			
League				
23 10 21	Ludlow (A)			
30 10 21	Malvern (H)			
06 11 21	Newbold (A)			
20 11 21	Old Halesonians (H)			
27 11 21	Stoke on Trent (A)			
04 12 21	Stratford Upon Avon (H)			
11 12 21	Sutton Coldfield (A)			
18 12 21	Wolverhampton (H)			
08 01 22	Droitwich (A)			
15 01 22	Hereford (H)			
22 01 22	Worcester (A)			
29 01 22	Lichfield (A)			
12 02 22	Ludlow (H)			
19 02 22	Malvern (A)			
05 03 22	Newbold (H)			
12 03 22	Old Halesonians (A)			
26 03 22	Stoke on Trent (H)			
02 04 22	Stratford Upon Avon (A)			
09 04 22	Sutton Coldfield (H)			
23 04 22	Whitchurch (A)			

final v Nuneaton being moved and this is mainly due to Nuneaton having to play a postponed Midlands Premier match next week against Oundle (who had Covid issues on the original date).

We will endeavour to update our members as soon as possible however things rarely are straightforward with the County Cup competitions!

Second XV

Our original league fixture away to Shipston was also a victim of a Covid Outbreak within their club and we managed to pick up a last-minute match away to Stow on the Wold. Upon arrival we were informed that we would be playing their 1XV in the first half and then their 2XV in the second half! Undeterred our side held the home 1XV to a 12-0 lead after 40 minutes (including some dominant scrummaging!) and then scored 22 unanswered points in the 2nd half to win the fixture overall 22-12. Tries came from Yousif Shehabi, Adam Carey, Hector Smith and Josh Marsden with Sam Miles getting a conversion.

Yet again we are still waiting for confirmation of details for the 2XV Cup Semi-Final.

6 Nations Ticket Applications

England v Wales Saturday 26th February 2022

England v Ireland Saturday 12th March 2022

Applications for tickets for the above fixtures are now open and requests should be lodged with Willie Whitesmith no later than 8th October.

Please e mail Willie on willie.whitesmith@gmail.com with a note of your requirements and a send a cheque for the appropriate amount. If paying over the bar please mark the envelope for the attention of Willie Whitesmith and if paying electronically please contact Willie for the appropriate Bank Details.

Prices are £122, £107, £89, £82 and £62

Club and RFU rules are such that only fully paid-up members, VP members and Life members may apply. (This does include M&J Members).

SEASON TICKETS

This season we are offering a season ticket for all the Men's home league games. The cost will be £25 and represents a big saving on the £4 per game. This can be paid on the gate, over the bar or through your membership package as detailed on our web site. Existing paid-up Vice Presidents will still gain free entry on production of their VP Card.



Trytime v Harrogate Ladies

Senior Women

Kenilworth Women played their first home league game in Championship North and what a cracker it was. They trailed Harrogate Ladies with a couple of minutes to go but Number 8 Phillippa Rawbone crashed over for the clinching score and seal a 36-28 win.

Other scorers were Becci Lewis 2, Kaz Harris, Felicity Baldwin and another for Rawbone. Katie Pittaway kicked 3 conversions.

Kenilworth's players of the match were second row Emma James, centre Sophie Henry and Kaz Harris. They will take great confidence from their first league win at this level and have proven that Glasshouse Lane is a tough place for any team to travel to. The first XV play league leaders Cheltenham Tigers away next weekend and the second XV have their first Midlands Development League match at home to Silhillians.

Alex Clay

