



## WELCOME TO LUDLOW RFC

Today we have great pleasure in welcoming all those associated with Ludlow back to Glasshouse Lane for this important Midlands 1 west (level 6) league fixture. Ludlow's previous visit to our shores was in the shortened 19/20 season in November when we won a close game 25-17 with tries from for Ollie Burman, Tom Naismith and David Bromfield. The return fixture in March was another very close game and a 24-20 win for Kenilworth with tries from Mikkel Andresen, Nyle Beckett, Nick Gerber & captain Bobby Thompson. This was the last fixture of that season due to the Covid lockdown, ending in big disappointment for Kenilworth when the RFU decreed that Oundle would be promoted, not us.

This season Ludlow are currently lying in 4th spot with 11 wins, 6 losses and 1 draw from their 18 games to date. They have won 8 of their games at home and 3 away and have scored 559 points, conceding 251 and have gained 10 try bonus points and 2 losing bonus point. Their last outing was a 24-0 home win over Hereford. In the game

at Ludlow in October we sneaked a 15-12 win with a last minute (scrum) penalty from Nathan Tilsley winning the points. This all points to another close game today.

Mikey Jones has remained as their Head Coach. Mikey was a former Ludlow first XV captain who moved onto Luctonians where he played at tight head prop and also coached their Colts. He returned to Ludlow in 2016 as Player/Coach. The Ludlow captain is second row Matthew Davies.

### TODAY'S LUNCH

This is the lunch that should have happened 12 months ago. It is a celebration of 50 years of Colts Rugby at Kenilworth RFC. A brief history of when and why the Colts were formed is included at the back of this insert and I am sure the speakers today will provide much more detail. The lunch has been restricted to ex Colts and is a sell out and, in fact could have been sold three times over. We hope you have a superb day and enjoy the fine food, beer and wine on offer, and, of course, a Kenilworth win.



Harry O'Brien

### MIDLANDS 1 West (and others)

Our two league defeats to Lichfield have severely dented our championship hopes and we are now looking to others to defeat them and give us hope. We trail them by 16 points but do have two games in hand and all we can do is keep on winning (with bonus points) and hope that the difficult games for Lichfield at Stoke, Newbold and Ludlow come good for us. At the foot Worcester are 7 points adrift of Droitwich and 12 behind Sutton Coldfield.

In level 5 above us, Newport lead Bridgnorth by six points. Oundle are at the foot, 6 adrift of Nuneaton.

There has been much talk of league re-construction at the end of this season. There have been proposals put forward and this would involve a reduction in the size of leagues (maximum of 12) and regionalisation. There would also be a new National Cup competition and the possibility of lower teams joining the league structure. More news on this will be provided as it is received. How this will impact on us is still not clear.

Our 2nd XV are currently lying 2nd in their league, two points behind Nuneaton Old Eds. Next week (19th Feb) they are at home to Newbold and also at home the following week (26th) v Spartans.

Good news on the Occasionals/Pirates with a game scheduled at Earlsdon on the 5th March, limbering up for the Pirates tour to Southport pre-Easter.

### COLTS

The Colts season has been split into two. In the first half of the season, they finished third (of five) with two wins and

### MIDLANDS 1 West

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Lichfield	18	17	0	1	743	282	86
Stoke on Trent	18	15	0	3	634	277	74
Kenilworth	16	14	0	2	737	241	70
Ludlow	18	11	1	6	559	251	58
Stratford Upon Avon	17	10	0	7	419	295	49
Whitchurch	18	8	1	9	405	380	49
Newbold on Avon	17	9	2	6	374	347	46
Old Halesonians	17	7	1	9	342	517	36
Hereford	16	6	1	9	274	420	30
Wolverhampton	17	5	1	11	297	309	30
Malvern	18	5	1	12	362	513	29
Sutton Coldfield	17	3	0	14	324	632	23
Droitwich	17	2	2	13	216	684	18
Worcester	16	3	0	13	191	729	11



two losses in a group comprising Berkswell & Balsall, Old Leamingtonians, Earlsdon and Claverdon. The second part is about to commence with a group comprising Nuneaton, Barkers Butts, Old Coventrians, Earlsdon and Broadstreet. The draw for the first round of the Warwickshire Cup paired them with Old Coventrians, away on the 22nd Jan and unfortunately they lost 13-17 to a late try. Last Friday night they lost to a decent looking Nuneaton side, 5-48 in a league fixture.

### OUR JUNIOR SIDES

U14's - Following the disappointment of their narrow defeat to Barkers Butts the U14s travelled to Birmingham and Solihull Bees on 16th Jan for a live training session and a game that was won 28-7. The following week saw them head over to Broadstreet. They played a very tough, physical game against a well drilled side and it was their first game playing line out and 15-a-side laws on a full pitch. They ran out 22-12 winners and are now in fine shape for their Warwickshire Plate game at home v Nuneaton tomorrow (13th).

U15's - The U15s have had a very successful season so far, and have played 12, losing only 1 (a narrow defeat away to Bromsgrove). They have progressed well in the Warwickshire Cup with comprehensive wins over Broadstreet and Sutton Coldfield and last week they faced Nuneaton in the 1/4r at home, winning 38-0 to set up a home semi final v Barkers. The U15s currently have 5 of the squad with Worcester Warriors DPP and 6 have just been invited to the UR7s National 7s Senior Academy.

U16's - The 2022 fixtures opened with an away match at Lutterworth. It ended in a 42-10 win. We then took on local rivals Barkers Butts at home. Again Barkers, with a huge pack of forwards, were competitive but our faster backs and better passing skills gave us a half time lead of 29-0. A flurry of 5 yellow cards in the second half livened the game up and the final score was 41-10 to us. Our last match in January saw us travel to Broadstreet where the

game took on a familiar pattern. A high scoring first half saw us lead 29-21 into the wind. Second half Broadstreet tired and with a few of their lads out of position we were able to stretch away to a 62-29 win. Last week without 3 of their most influential players they exited the Warwickshire Cup, going down 24-27.

### NEXT FEW WEEKS

Next week (19th Feb) we have a nice wee trip away to Malvern and I am sure a few of us will be going to sample the fine beer and food at the Nags Head. We can only hope that our visitors today, Ludlow, can do the business on Lichfield on the same day. On the 26th we return home for the re-arranged Christmas fixture v Wolverhampton, unfortunately without the Christmas Lunch!

Our women travel to Harrogate tomorrow (13th) and are back at home on the 19th Feb v Lichfield Ladies.



### THIS WEEK'S OTHER FIXTURES (with predictions)

Droitwich	v	Newbold (away win)
Hereford	v	Malvern (home win)
Lichfield	v	Worcester (home win)
Sutton Coldfield	v	Stratford (away win)
Wolverhampton	v	Old Halesonians (home win)
Whitchurch	v	Stoke (home win)

## Men's Teams for 12th Febuary 2022

### Kenilworth

LAST TEN LEAGUE GAMES WLWWWWW

Blue with Gold Shirts, Blue Shorts

1.....	George Walsh	1.....	R Yeomans
2.....	Adam Carey	2.....	J Small
3.....	Jake Dodd	3.....	B Chamberlin
4.....	Jonny Openshaw	4.....	M Davies (c)
5.....	Lewis Kavanagh	5.....	P Oliver
6.....	Michael Ryan	6.....	J Alderson
7.....	Mikkel Andresen	7.....	J Mear
8.....	Bobby Thompson (C)	8.....	C Doyle
9.....	Sam Peppitt	9.....	R Perkins
10.....	Harry O'Brien	10.....	K Pinches
11.....	Jayde Alexander	11.....	A Roche
12.....	Todd Freemantle	12.....	W Hodnet
13.....	Ed Hannam	13.....	J Lines
14.....	Ben Harrison	14.....	T Amphlet
15.....	Garrett Bell	15.....	J Doyle
Replacements:		Replacements:	
16.....	Ollie Stone	16.....	J Durban
17.....	David Bromfield	17.....	B Black
18.....	Ben Leahy	18.....	T Perkins

Today's referee:

**Jamie Hanson**

Warwickshire Society

### Ludlow

LAST TEN LEAGUE GAMES WDWLWLWWW

Red & Black Shirts, Black Shorts

## Last 15 years of Colts at Kenilworth RFC



Season	Manager/Coach	Top kicker	Top try scorer	Notable players
20/21	P Cox/J Brain	No stats	No stats	Tom Miles (Worcester), David Opuko-Fordjour (Coventry), Asher Opuko-Fordjour (Wasps), Ardal & Finn Yallop (Wales Exiles), Max Brain, Dylan Hunter, Josh Marsden (Coventry)
19/20	P Cox /J Brain	Alex Bradley	Ardal Yallop (18)	Sam Peppitt, David Opuko-Fordjour, Asher Opuko-Fordjour, Ardal & Finn Yallop, Max Brain, Jordan Cox
18/19	J Brown/D Rawlins	Dan Sibley	Henry Woods (13)	Jack Rawlins, Rykha Sekhavati, Charlie Morris, Sam Peppitt, Fin Gibson (Leicester), Sam Morris, Fin Nicholas, Dan Sibley
17/18	R Gibson	Will Morgan	Rob Poulter (12)	Rykha Sekhavati, Jack Rawlins, Rob Poulter, Dan Sibley
16/17				<b>No colts</b>
15/16	A Smith/C Gyetvai	Harvey Joy	Ollie Jones (16)	Jack Read, Hugh Whidbourne
14/15	A Smith/C Gyetvai	Zak Templeton	Ollie Jones (13)	Hector Smith, Jacob Umaga (Wasps & England), Oscar Haynes
13/14	S Sutherland C Fellowes	Stuart Budd	Matt Slater (13)	Neil Sutherland, Josh O'Brien, Tommy Jones
12/13	S Sutherland C Fellowes	Cameron Fisher	Ed Hannam (21)	Ed Hannam, Nick Prince, Joe Ballinger, Mat Gibson, Tommy Jones
11/12	J Selby/G Owen	Nick Prince	Pat Jenkinson (13)	Alex Selby, Pat Jenkinson, Will Owen (Coventry), Ed Hannam, Harry O'Brien, Rob Bennett
10/11	R Gibson	Harry O'Brien	Alex Wallis (9)	Alex Wallis, Harry O'Brien, Will Maisey (Coventry), Will Owen, Jake Burrows, Pat Jenkinson
09/10	R Gibson	Will Maisey	Jack Gibson (11)	Will Maisey, Jack Gibson, Bobby Thompson, Will Owen, Rhys Jones, Jake Dodd
08/09	R Gibson	Ashley Dutton	Bobby Thompson (8)	Bobby Thompson, Jack Gibson, Rob Thomason, Jake Dodd, Will Maisey, Matt Cooper, Rhys Jones
07/08	P Hill	Tom Palmer	Matt Cooper (22)	Ross Bayston, Matt Cooper, Ross Lowthian, Ollie Burman, Gareth Hill, Rhys Jones, Andy Bladon,
06/07	P Hill	Tom Palmer	Matt Cooper (29)	Matt Cooper, Ollie Burman, Dan Roberts, Ross Lowthian,
				<b>No colts</b>

### LAST FEW WEEKS

The 1st XV had a very emphatic win at Worcester, 123-0 with Michael Ryan helping himself to 5 (of the 19) tries. He could have had 6 but passed to Todd when over the line. This result got us searching for the record books but it did not eclipse a 128-0 win at Stafford back in 2007 (and orchestrated by Tak Norton). We then travelled to leaders Lichfield in a true '10 pointer'. Bruce Doe & myself were following the game on Twitter from the Algarve and it appeared a tight encounter. However in reality we were second best to a very decent Lichfield team. The final result of 17-22 flattered us a little but we did gain a valuable losing bonus point. Last week we travelled to Stoke for our re-arranged fixture and came through a difficult game 17-13, withstanding a lot of late of Stoke pressure at the end. Try scorers were David Bromfield, Sam Peppitt and David Opuko-Fordjour. Not surprisingly Mike Ryan is the leading try scorer with 14 and Tyler Price is the leading kicker.

Our 2nd XV continue to win defeating Evesham, Leamington, Shotton and Old Laurentian in the last few weeks and are now closing in on the top of their league, lying 2nd. The top try scorer is Jack Rawlins with Ben Leahy the top points scorer. It was good to see winger Ben Harrison return last week (from his broken wrist), scoring 3 tries for the 2nd XV.

Our Women finally broke their duck with a 19-12 win over Sefton and they followed up with a spirited performance



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### WHAT'S ON AT KRFC

13th Feb	Italy v England, 3.00pm
19th Feb	2nd XV v Newbold, 2.15pm
	Kenilworth Women v Lichfield Ladies, 2.00pm
25th Feb	Wine Tasting
26th Feb	Kenilworth v Wolverhampton, 2.15pm
	2nd XV v Spartans, 2.15pm
	Scotland v France, 2.15pm
	England v Wales, 4.45pm
27th Feb	Ireland v Italy, 3.00pm
5th Mar	Kenilworth v Newbold, 3.00pm
7th Mar	Kenilworth Jazz Club
11th Mar	Wales v France, 8.00pm
12th Mar	Ken Women v Firwood Waterloo Ladies, 2.00pm
	Colts v Old Coventrians 3.00pm
	Italy v Scotland, 2.15pm
	England v Ireland, 4.45pm
19th Mar	2nd XV v Nuneaton Old Eds, 3.00pm
	Kenilworth Women v Novocastrians, 2.00pm
	Wales v Italy, 2.15pm
	Ireland v Scotland, 4.45pm
	France v England, 8pm
26th Mar	Kenilworth v Stoke, 3.00pm
	Colts v Newbold, 3.00pm
1-3 April	Pirates Tour to Southport
2nd April	2nd XV v Stratford, 3.00
9th April	Kenilworth v Sutton Coldfield, 3.00
16th April	Kenilworth v Hereford, 3.00
	2nd XV v Barkers Butts, 3.00

against a strong Loughborough side, losing only 22-26, an improvement on their 0-40 defeat earlier in the season. Last week they continued their resurgence and had a truly superb 22-5 win away at mid table Barnsley. This recent form has seen them move up to 8th in the league (of 10) with the teams above them all within range.

#### A CRAZY SITUATION

Chester FC were summoned to a meeting with North Wales police after staging two fixtures in front of spectators over the festive period. Whereas there are no limits on crowds at events in England, a maximum of 50 people, plus players, can attend a sporting event in Wales. Chester recorded a crowd of 2,075 at their 2-2 draw with AFC Fylde last week. Although Chester is an English city the

### 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)	24	36	2nd
23 10 21	Ludlow (A)	15	13	3rd
30 10 21	Malvern (H)	59	14	3rd
06 11 21	Newbold (A)	38	15	3rd
Warwickshire Cup Final (@ Sutton Coldfield)				
14 11 21	Nuneaton	26	27	
League				
20 11 21	Old Halesonians (H)	48	21	2nd
27 11 21	Stoke on Trent (A)	Postponed		2nd
04 12 21	Stratford Upon Avon (H)	39	24	2nd
11 12 21	Sutton Coldfield (A)	76	21	2nd
18 12 21	Wolverhampton (H)	Postponed		2nd
08 01 22	Droitwich (A)	34	7	2nd
15 01 22	Hereford (H)	Postponed		3rd
22 01 22	Worcester (A)	123	0	3rd
29 01 22	Lichfield (A)	17	22	3rd
05 02 22	Stoke on Trent (A)	17	13	3rd
12 02 22	Ludlow (H)			
19 02 22	Malvern (A)			
26 02 22	Wolverhampton (H)			
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)			
16 04 22	Hereford (H)			
23 04 22	Whitchurch (A)			
Played: 18, Won: 15, Lost: 3, Drawn: 0, Pts for: 790, Pts agst: 277				

border with Wales runs through the city across the Deva Stadium, with the ticket office and car park in England and the pitch in Wales. A crowd could legally gather in the car park but they would be in contravention of Welsh rules if they entered the ground.

### TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS



Games Gaz needs to make it to 300 for the club (and add to his 154 tries). Hopefully he will do before the end of this season.



Welcome back fly half Harry O'Brien after five years away. In his first stint he played 24 games and scored 4 tries. Now he is kicking and had 13 conversions at Worcester.



Number of Colts who were in our 2019 Intermediate Cup winning squad. During our most successful season of 18/19 it was 20 (of 47 used) – a very important source.



Points we are adrift of Lichfield (2 games in hand) but they do have some difficult away fixtures to deal with. We need to keep winning though, with bonus points.



Well done our Women who appear to have turned the corner in their difficult league and have started putting some decent (winning) performances in. Great 22-5 win away last week.



The 50th Anniversary of our Colts with a lunch at club today. It was actually 2021 but Covid interfered. Lots of old faces will be there and many stories will be told.

# Colts 50th Anniversary Year



KRFC Colts 1973-74

home-grown players in the twenty-three-man squad. This progression continued last season with seventeen colts in the forty selected for first XV rugby, four from the previous season's Colts.

When Covid19 struck in 2020 we asked our members to submit their KRFC Dream Team. This contained a lot of ex Colts and from this information the following ex Colts Dream Team has been arrived at:

## KRFC EX COLTS DREAM TEAM

- 1 .....Jake Dodd
- 2 .....Ross Lowthian
- 3 .....Ed Hunter
- 4 .....Bruce Doe
- 5 .....Dom Carrick
- 6 .....Ollie Burman
- 7 .....James Fitzpatrick
- 8 .....Bobby Thompson
- 9 .....James Peacock
- 10 .....Jake Marvelly
- 11 .....Mark Bennett
- 12 .....James Hersey
- 13 .....Chris Sibley
- 14 .....Jimmy Middleton
- 15 .....Tom Kendall

### SUBS

Nick Collett · Simon Givens · Will Owen

Our Colts were formed at the beginning of the 1970-71 season following the encouragement of Jack Davies to encourage schoolboy rugby at Kenilworth. Others who were instrumental in the setting up were Bill Martin (Manager), Len Brooks, Glyn Jones, Don Menaud (all instrumental in recruiting from Warwick School and the Coventry Schools) and Brian Le Voi, the coach. They were captained by Malcolm Menaud, an England Schools 15 Group player, with his brother Kim as prop. Another pair of brothers made their debuts, John and Steve Abbotts, as did Alan Jones (to be followed by PAG in three years' time). Bruce Doe appeared in the side with John McLaren, John l'Anson, Nigel Pearson, Mike Kennedy, Don Onions, Dave Martin, Jimmy Loughran, Brian Clifford and Mike Kirk. All these players went on to play for Kenilworth at first team level as well as the brothers already mentioned.

There was immediate success, winning the Warwickshire Colts Cup in 1971, the Stratford Sevens and finalists in the Warwickshire Sevens. Unfortunately, after 2 years most of the original Colts had left to go to University or had left the Colt Fraternity and ascended up into the Senior Teams.

Colts rugby has continued at Kenilworth since (apart from a few years). The 2010/11 squad reached the final of the Warwickshire Colts Cup, losing to Nuneaton in a tense tight game. This group included Nick Prince, Pat Jenkinson, Ed Hannam, Alex Selby, Will Owen, Joe Ballinger, Rob Bennett and Harry O'Brien.

Our current (successful) captain, Bobby Thompson, was a Colt in the 08/09 and 09/10 seasons before graduating to senior rugby and first XV captain.

Over the years there has been a large number of Colts players who have graduated to our first XV and in our most successful season, 2018/19, a total of twenty players (of forty-seven used) graduated through our system. Our Intermediate Cup winning squad contained eleven



First XV stalwarts, and all ex colts