



WELCOME TO DROITWICH RFC

We welcome the players, committee and supporters of Droitwich RFC to Glasshouse Lane and look forward to a keenly contested match. Droitwich were founded relatively recently in 1972 and celebrate their 50th Anniversary this season. They play at the Glyn Mitchell Memorial Ground.

Droitwich have opened their season with 2 home fixtures and suffered an opening day defeat against near neighbours Worcester, shipping 40 points. However, they hosted Hereford last week and secured an impressive 10-10 draw against notoriously difficult opponents.

What is also impressive is the events that Droitwich have put on at their ground over the past few weeks, including Wychfest and the Droitwich Dining Club (in conjunction with the well-regarded Digbeth Dining Club – literally food for thought ahead of our move to the new ground!)

A solid start to the Season

With 2 bonus point wins we sit top of the table, although it is very early days. We are well aware that it won't be until Mid-October or even later before teams get a better idea of how they are stacking up against the others in the league.

Whitchurch

After what seemed like an eternity, we finally saw some league action at Glasshouse Lane and our opponents from Whitchurch certainly came ready for battle. In front of a very big and excited home crowd, our team took to the field to a guard of honour from our Minis section, ably marshalled by M&J Chair Mark Pepper.

Whitchurch created an opening for their impressive right winger to finish, and the Ken's squad and supporters soon knew they were back in league rugby. However, and with

a number of debutants, we soon found our rhythm and started to exert pressure through some intelligent kicking and strong ball carrying. Tries from Renowden (our very own Peter Pan), Bromfield, Morris and a hat trick from debutant winger and man of the match Ben Harrison, alongside a handful of conversions and penalties from Ed Hannam saw us win 44-15.

Wolverhampton

Last week we headed to Wolverhampton with a much-changed squad due to injuries and unavailabilities. We started strongly and despite a few disjointed patches, were always in control with the pack providing a strong platform against the newly promoted side. Tries from Jake Dodd, Sam Peppitt, Ollie Stone and another from Ben Harrison plus conversions and a penalty from new fly half Tyler Price saw us take home a bonus point win at 27-5.

The coaching team will be delighted with the strength in depth within the squad although there remains plenty to work on. Also of slight concern has been the number of unavailable players for certain matches but hopefully this will settle over the coming weeks. It's a long season and to be successful we will need all hands to the pump.

Barbarians have cracking game

Our Barbarians side (Under 23s) travelled to nearby Old Leamingtonians and won a cracking game of rugby with many former colts back involved in the squad.

The final score was 19-10 to Kenilworth and tries came from Myles Hibbs, Finn Gibson and Ryan Spriggs with two conversions for Jack Rawlins.



Under 16s ahead of their win against Learnington

Colts opening bodes well

Our Colts squad opened their season with a training match versus Earlsdon and came away with a big 79-10 victory which bodes well for the season ahead.

MIDLANDS 1 West so far.

Looking at the results over the opening couple of weeks, our predictions of a tightly contested league season seem to be being proved right, with a number of narrow wins and even a couple of draws already.

As expected, Lichfield started strongly although there is some mystery over their match v Whitchurch last week which was listed as abandoned on the RFU results page. Rumours are that the referee fell ill during the game so it may need replaying.

Having already played Newbold in the Cup and Whitchurch we already know both teams will cause many

sides in the league some difficulties as will Wolverhampton, particularly at home. Stoke have also started well with wins over two fancied sides in Newbold and Malvern, whilst Sutton Coldfield have had a difficult start to the season shipping 50 points in both their matches so far.

New Signing

Last Saturday saw the debut of recently signed fly half Tyler Price and those who travelled to Wolverhampton were certainly impressed by his performance. Tyler was formerly with Barker Butts and Nuneaton and we welcome him to the senior squad ahead of a long and testing season.



New signing Tyler Price



Michael Ryan and Bobby Thompson testing the Whitchurch defence

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/kenilworthrfc/shop/>

with the password being *KenilworthRUFc*.

Pre-match Luncheons

Last Week saw our first Pre-match Luncheon hosted by our Club President Dean Stephenson. The food was provided by local restaurant *'The Indian Ark'* and it was certainly a very tasty buffet that was enjoyed by the attendees.

This week we have a Barbecue being run by stalwart club member Steve Ramus and we thank him once again

for his time and effort behind the grill. Food is available to purchase so please do head across to the Barbecue Hut at the rear of the clubhouse before the game.

In 2 weeks' time we have our Coaches and Volunteers lunch ahead of the match versus Worcester RFC. So, if you are a coach of any of our teams (Minis, Juniors, Men and Women), volunteer at the club or indeed just wish to enjoy a pleasant lunch ahead of the match, please book your space and invite your friends.

Bookings can be made by e mailing:

saralouiseboard@gmail.com

THIS WEEK'S OTHER FIXTURES

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

Our website will shortly be moving to a new host provider and once this is live then all club fixtures will be listed there. In the meantime, you can find this season's fixtures and a link to all matches in Midlands 1 West (including results and the league table) in the 'News' section.

Team	MIDLANDS 1 West						
	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Kenilworth	2	2	0	0	71	20	10
Stratford Upon Avon	2	2	0	0	55	15	9
Stoke on Trent	2	2	0	0	57	33	9
Old Halesonians	2	1	1	0	56	31	7
Hereford	2	1	1	0	27	25	6
Lichfield	1	1	0	0	59	19	5
Ludlow	2	1	0	1	60	29	5
Worcester	2	1	0	1	47	37	5
Newbold on Avon	2	0	1	1	42	56	2
Droitwich	2	0	1	1	15	50	2
Wolverhampton	2	0	0	2	20	44	1
Whitchurch	1	0	0	1	15	44	0
Malvern	2	0	0	2	20	51	0
Sutton Coldfield	2	0	0	2	19	109	0

Men's Teams for 18th September 2021

Mascots provided by the KRFC Under7s and Under 8s

Kenilworth

Blue with Gold Shirts, Blue Shorts

1.....	Jake Dodd
2.....	Oliver Stone
3.....	George Walsh
4.....	Jonny Openshaw
5.....	Lewis Kavanagh
6.....	Bobby Thompson (capt)
7.....	Paddy Grace
8.....	Michael Ryan
9.....	Gareth Renowden
10.....	Tyler Price
11.....	Jayde Cruickshank
12.....	Todd Freemantle
13.....	Nathan Tilsley
14.....	Ben Harrison
15.....	Sam Peppitt

Replacements:

16.....	Charlie Morris
17.....	Myles Hibbs
18.....	Jack Rawlins

Today's referee:

Roy Shallcross
Warwickshire Society

Droitwich

Black and Gold Shirts, Black Shorts

1.....	James F Dawson
2.....	Matthew Wilkinson
3.....	James Shewell
4.....	Jack O'Hara
5.....	Dustin Brown
6.....	Luke Topping
7.....	Adam Shaw (capt)
8.....	Adam Norris
9.....	Louis Ellsmore
10.....	Jack Tomas
11.....	Stu Lane
12.....	Matt Hanford
13.....	Dawid Jesion
14.....	James Horrocks
15.....	Cam Watson

Replacements:

16.....	Ben Skinner
17.....	Nico Mason
18.....	Josh Skinner

Player Sponsors

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Women's Captain Becky Hill releases her backline

Senior Women

The Senior Women's Squad took on Sutton Coldfield last Sunday in their first match at Glasshouse Lane this season and won the pre-season friendly 31-7 with tries from Glover, Hill, Harris, Munday and Swann and conversions from Pittaway.

Today they take on Birmingham Moseley and kick off is at 12pm on the main pitch ahead of the Men's League match.

This will be the Women's squad's final pre-season friendly before their first league game in Championship One having been promoted once again last year. On September 25th they travel to Novocastrians which is an incredibly long journey to open their league campaign which is just the 450-mile round trip!

Any support would be extremely welcome, and the address is:

*Novocastrians RFC, The Drive, Longbenton,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7SZ*

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 Cups

After our victory against Newbold in the Preliminary Round we are delighted to confirm that we are in the County Cup Final. We will face Nuneaton who comfortably took care of Broadstreet in their semi final and appear to have assembled a strong squad under the guidance of former KRFC players Nicky Smith and Elliot Brown.

More details regarding kick off time and venue will be announced in the coming weeks, but it is scheduled to take place on Sunday 17th October.

We have been drawn to play Newbold at home in the Preliminary round of the 2XV Cup, of which we are the current holders, and this match will be played before 25th September. The winners will play the winners of Broadstreet v Stratford in the Semi Finals with the final scheduled for Sunday 27th November.

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.

WHAT'S ON AT KRFC

2nd Oct	Men's 1XV v Worcester – Volunteers and Coaches Lunch
3rd Oct	Women's 1XV first Championship North Home fixture v Harrogate
17th Oct	Men's Warwickshire Cup Final v Nuneaton (TBC)
28th Oct	RFU Presidents Charity Walk at KRFC
4th Dec	Pirates Lunch – Men's 1XV v Stratford
18th Dec	Christmas Lunch, Men's 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	53	
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)			
25 09 21	Hereford (A)			
02 10 21	Worcester (H)			
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)			

TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS



Our amazing Women's team now play at level 2 of the Women's rugby pyramid



It's a 14-team league once again although there is some league reorganisation due to take place next year.



The Warwickshire Cup Final is scheduled to be on 16th October v Nuneaton



Before Whitchurch match, 17 months since our last Men's league fixture when we defeated Lichfield 20-12 – finally rugby is back!



Number of points scored v Whitchurch in opening league match.



A superb 46-5 win for our Under 16s on the opening day of their season

Minis & Juniors



The new season for the Minis and Juniors got off to a bright start. On the sunniest of Sundays, new and existing members aged four to 16 years filled the pitches at the Cow Patch for a fantastic morning of rugby.

There was huge excitement as the U7s started to play tag rugby for the first time, and the U9s began their journey into contact rugby.

Parents stood on the sidelines enjoying coffee and bacon sarnies from the cafe, which was brilliantly run by Rachel, Jess and the Under 8s throughout the morning.

In the first match of the season, there was a well-deserved victory by Kenilworth U16s against Earlsdon RFC. Playing away from home, they won 46-5 in perfect conditions for rugby against a powerful and hard tackling team.

Thinking about joining the Minis and Juniors? There are free trial sessions for all ages every Sunday morning at 10.30am. Email minisandjuniors@kenilworthrugby.co.uk for more info!

Volunteers

We are looking for some assistance with the various communications projects within the rugby club. If you are willing/able to give up a few hours a week to help with newsletters, social media, programme editing and uploading items to the website then please email:

chairman@kenilworthrugby.co.uk



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