



WELCOME TO MALVERN RFC

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

It is great to lock horns with old rivals and we have enjoyed many battles with Malvern over the years. The cheese and cider bus trips back to Kenilworth were legendary and we wish the Malvern squad a safe journey home, hopefully without the points of course though!

The last time we played was season 17/18 in Midlands 2 West South – Malvern were doing well under the guidance of current player-coach and former Gloucester (and Nuneaton!) player Rob Cook. We lost both matches with the results 24-57 away from home and 31-37 at home.

In season 2019-20 Malvern made it to the Midlands Final of the Intermediate Cup where they were defeated by Leighton Buzzard thus denying them the chance to emulate us and reach the National Final.

Malvern were promoted into the league this season and

had a mixed start with defeats to Stoke and Stratford in their first 2 games. A win at Sutton Coldfield was followed by defeats to Whitchurch and Droitwich and a low scoring 3-3 draw with Wolverhampton. However last week saw them put over 40 points past Hereford which goes to show that the league remains rather unpredictable and we will be showing them the utmost respect.

Midlands 1 West 2021/22

The last couple of weeks have seen some changes at the top of the league and sadly our defeat to Lichfield has seen us drop a couple of places to 3rd. However, it's becoming clear that 3 or 4 teams are vying for top spot, ourselves included. Both Lichfield and Stoke remain undefeated with the former gaining maximum points in each game. Stratford lie 6 points behind us in 4th and all sides are well aware that on their day anyone can beat anybody in the league this season.

The Lichfield match saw the biggest home crowd since the Intermediate Cup semi-final vs Westoe and on a hot Autumn afternoon we tore into a 24-5 lead. However, a cheap try before the break gave the visitors hope and the 2nd half was a different story. The Lichfield side were impressive with ball in hand and unfortunately, we obliged by giving them the ball more often than was advised. This week sees Ludlow take on Lichfield so hopefully they can produce another upset whilst Stratford have a tough trip to Whitchurch.



Familiar faces from a fixture many years ago



Ollie Stone scores at Ludlow

Ludlow (Won 15-13)

The squad bounced back from the disappointment of the loss to Lichfield with a gritty win away at Ludlow. Ludlow had produced some impressive results so far this season and were regarded by many as one of the dark horses in the league. A side shorn of a few regular faces worked hard against a well organised and passionate home team with the Ken's pack proving the difference with 2 catch and drive tries for teenage hooker Ollie Stone. Stand-in skipper Nathan Tilsley showed nerves of steel to nail the deciding kick after another scrum penalty. Again the squad's



Ken's Lineout soars at Ludlow

strength in depth was tested and we are certainly seeing the benefits of having a strong 2XV, hopefully availabilities throughout the squad will start to settle down although we did suffer injuries to Gareth Renowden and Tyler Price and we wish them well with their respective recoveries.

MIDLANDS 1 West							
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Lichfield	7	7	0	0	285	113	35
Stoke on Trent	7	7	0	0	226	107	33
Kenilworth	7	6	0	1	286	104	30
Stratford Upon Avon	7	5	0	2	215	121	24
Ludlow	7	4	0	3	220	88	20
Newbold on Avon	7	3	2	2	148	142	18
Old Halesonians	7	3	1	3	143	171	16
Hereford	7	3	1	3	120	201	15
Whitchurch	7	2	1	4	147	166	15
Malvern	7	2	1	4	141	158	13
Droitwich	7	1	1	5	96	298	9
Sutton Coldfield	7	1	0	6	141	286	9
Worcester	7	1	0	6	89	245	6
Wolverhampton	7	0	1	6	85	142	5



Bromwich Hardy

Sponsor Focus

Kenilworth RFC is indebted to our ever-growing family of commercial supporters. From multi-nationals to local independent favourites, rugby clubs such as ours offer a wholesome platform from which to promote products and services and to elevate your brand profile.

'We aim to make it as easy as possible for both members and non-members alike to support the club commercially. We do this by understanding individual motivation and delivering as promised.' Jai Purewal, KRFC Director of Rugby

Bromwich Hardy, the award-winning Midlands commercial property specialist has signed a new deal to be main shirt sponsors for the club this season. The deal builds on a 20-year association between the club and Bromwich Hardy, with Bromwich Hardy founding partner Tom Bromwich commenting,

'We have been an active part of the club for the last two decades and believe that their values of playing and working hard, supporting the community and always respecting the traditions of the game, very much reflect our own ethos.'

After such a long time without any action on the field, it was tremendous to see the first team take to the Glasshouse Lane pitch for the first time since the pandemic started [vs Whitchurch] even better to see them win.

But the club is much more than just the success of the men's first team, and it is their commitment to helping people of all ages and backgrounds enjoy rugby and the values it teaches which we most admire.'

Andy Honess (Hoho) has been a playing member of the club for about 25 years, and since 2012, has been a commercial supporter. It was around this time that Hoho founded JumpXL, a company to support his investments and consulting work, helping startups grow successfully from the 'kitchen table' to global operations.

'It was important to me to continue to be involved and

supportive on the sponsorship front as we enter this highly strategic phase of change and development for the Club (new ground due 2023).

I am able to use some of my professional experience as Chair of the Business Strategy Group, to help the Club 'scale-up' as we look to optimise our commercial operations to support our vision to become the leading community rugby club in the Midlands.

I am proud to be a shirt sponsor for the senior men, women and colts, a player sponsor and a volunteer for the club, and would absolutely encourage everyone to do what they can. I also expect to defy the aching bones and put my boots on a few more times for the Pirates (Veterans XV).'

For more information on how you can support Kenilworth RFC commercially, please contact Jai Purewal on:

dor@kenilworthrugby.co.uk or 07968 135023

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



THIS WEEK'S OTHER FIXTURES

Droitwich	v	Old Halesonians
Hereford	v	Newbold on Avon
Lichfield	v	Ludlow
Whitchurch	v	Stratford Upon Avon
Wolverhampton	v	Stoke on Trent

Men's Teams for 30th October 2021

Kenilworth

Blue with Gold Shirts, Blue Shorts

1.....	Adam Carey
2.....	Ollie Stone
3.....	Jake Dodd
4.....	Lewis Kavanagh
5.....	Jonny Openshaw
6.....	Bobby Thompson (C)
7.....	Mikkel Andresen
8.....	Michael Ryan
9.....	Will Canning
10.....	Sam Peppitt
11.....	Ben Harrison
12.....	Nathan Tilsley
13.....	Jayde Cruickshank
14.....	David Opoku-Fordjour
15.....	Garrett Bell

Replacements:

16.....	David Bromfield
17.....	Chaz Hudson
18.....	Ed Hannam

Today's referee:

Mark Challis

Warwickshire Society

Malvern

Maroon, Gold & Light Blue

1.....	Liam Roleston
2.....	Glen Potter
3.....	Ashley Budding
4.....	Arran Carr
5.....	William Brown
6.....	Liam Moloney
7.....	Stuart Clark
8.....	John Friths
9.....	Francis Purcell
10.....	Robert Cook
11.....	Lewis Hardiman
12.....	Joseph Allen
13.....	Leuan Mustow
14.....	Conor Giggle
15.....	Joseph Budd

Replacements:

16.....	John Clark
17.....	Stephanus Fourie
18.....	George Lechmere

Player Sponsors

Harry Abell	<i>Wright Hassall</i>	Jai Purewal	<i>Binary Blue</i>
Mikkel Andresen	<i>Fortress</i>	Jack Rawlins	<i>Hotel Sheraton</i>
Garrett Bell	<i>Get Ahead</i>	Gareth Renowden	<i>Akuma</i>
Phil Bolton	<i>Robinson Manufacturing</i>	Michael Ryan	<i>Shannonside Civil Engineering</i>
David Bromfield	<i>Steve Fisher Construction</i>	Rob Spooner	<i>Oliver's Fitted Furniture</i>
Adam Carey	<i>Barbers Flooring</i>	Ollie Stone	<i>Frederick Cooper Birmingham</i>
Nick Collett	<i>RA Builders</i>	Bobby Thompson	<i>Hannams Removals</i>
Jayde Cruickshank	<i>Project DX Ltd</i>	Nathan Tilsley	<i>PRT Heating Ltd</i>
Jake Dodd	<i>Bruce Doe</i>	Matt Tilt	<i>Kenilworth Runners</i>
Todd Freemantle	<i>KRFC U14</i>	Adam Turner	<i>Hanson Lee</i>
Edward Hannam	<i>Rapport Design</i>	George Walsh	<i>Ralph Murray</i>
Ben Harrison	<i>Environan</i>	Mark Wylie	<i>Akuma</i>
Myles Hibbs	<i>Avon Timber</i>		
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James Middleton	<i>Binary Blue</i>		
Charlie Morris	<i>Share</i>		
Tom Naismith	<i>JumpXL</i>		
Johnny Openshaw	<i>Kenilworth Pirates</i>		
David Opoku- Fordour	<i>Wareing And Co</i>		
Kieran Payne	<i>Lakeside</i>		
Sam Peppitt	<i>Projekt -M</i>		
Tyler Price	<i>Ace Tree Management</i>		

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Seasons Stats so far:

We are now approximately a third of the way through the season and Willie W has been collating the players stats, some of which are included below:

Men's 1XV

Top Points Scorers:
Tyler Price – 57 (inc 2 tries)
Ben Harrison – 35 (7 tries)
Ed Hannam – 34 (3 tries)
Bobby Thompson – 25 (5 tries)
Michael Ryan – 20 (4 tries)

Men's 2XV

Top Points Scorers:
Sam Miles – 37 (3 tries)
Dan Retter – 30 (4 tries)
Robbie Holden – 26 (2 tries)
Jack Rawlins – 25 (5 tries)

Women's 1XV

Top Points Scorers:
Kaz Harris – 10 (2 tries)
Philippa Rawbone – (2 tries)
Becci Lewis – (2 tries)
Katie Pittaway – (4 conversions)

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/kenilworthrffc/shop/>
with the password being **KenilworthRUFC**



Nathan Tilsley v Lichfield

Today's Pre-Match Lunch

Today's lunch is a rather unique event which is sponsored by Frederick Cooper Birmingham and we welcome their directors, staff and guests to Glasshouse Lane. We thank them for their support and sponsorship, without which the task of running a successful playing section would be even more challenging.

We also welcome the Commons and Lords Rugby Club who are here as guests of sponsors Frederick Cooper. They are in the area visiting Rugby for a 'Training Camp' ahead of a delayed trip to South Africa in aid of the Atlas Foundation. I am sure we will all be on our best behaviour whilst in the company of such dignitaries and we hope you have a wonderful afternoon at Kenilworth RFC.

Christmas Lunch

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:

<https://krfc.rfu.club/events/krfc-christmas-lunch/226356376>

or by e mailing saralouiseboard@gmail.com

If you are able to donate a prize to the raffle/auction please could you contact Club Chairman Johnny Marsh on chairman@kenilworthrugby.co.uk

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

Annual Pirates' Lunch

The Pirates lunch is scheduled for Saturday 4th December ahead of the local derby match against Stratford which should add a little more noise to what will no doubt be a lively affair!

There will be live music after the match in honour of former KRFC stalwart Nick Moore and we hope that some of Nick's family will be able to attend as guests of the club. Spaces are still available and Pirates and their guests should e mail domcarrick@yahoo.co.uk to make sure they are booked in.

WHAT'S ON AT KRFC	
31st Oct	Womens 1XV v Loughborough (away)
7th Nov	2XV Semi Final v Broadstreet (2.15 ko @ home)
14th Nov	Men's Warwickshire Cup Final v Nuneaton (Sutton Coldfield RFC)
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)	24	36	2nd
23 10 21	Ludlow (A)	15	13	3rd
30 10 21	Malvern (H)			
06 11 21	Newbold (A)			
Warwickshire Cup Final				
14 11 21	Nuneaton (@ Sutton Coldfield)			
League				
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)			



David Opoku-Fordjour v Lichfield

Second XV

The 2XV have played Balsall and Berkswell under lights in the league and Old Leamingtonians in 2 friendly fixtures after the original opposition forfeited the league matches.

Both games have provided excellent preparation ahead of the Warwickshire 2XV Semi Final v Broadstreet on 7th November (home).

On the Friday evening a strong side took on Berkswell and Balsall in front of an excellent crowd and won 46-7. The pack matched their opponents and when the ball was moved wide the backs capitalised on their opportunities. Scores came from:

Hugh Whidbourne
Sam Winchcombe
Sam Miles
Yousef Shehabi
Chaz Hudson x 3
Jayde Cruickshank

Dan Retter kicked 3 conversions.

Last week they made the short trip to Old Leamingtonians and came back with a superb 53-5 victory.

On his return to the area and to the 2XV squad Dan Retter scored 4 tries.

Other try scorers were:

Robbie Holden
Jack Rawlins
Matt Tilt
Jacob Line
Sam Miles
Retter x 2 conversions
Holden x 2 conversions

Autumn Internationals

All of the international fixtures this Autumn will be shown on our big screens. We will also be running a pint and a burger deal so make sure you get down early to enjoy the matches.

Warwickshire 1XV Cup

The Warwickshire Cup details have finally been confirmed and we take on Nuneaton RFC on Sunday 14th November at Sutton Coldfield RFC with a 2.15 kick off. We look forward to seeing as many supporters as possible there. The County Cup arrangements are due to be taken over by the RFU in the future so this may well be our final chance to win the elusive prize that the club has craved for so many years.

Update on our Women's Team

It's been a tough few weeks for our women's section, with ups and downs. The first XV pulled off an impressive bonus-point home win against Harrogate - their forwards dominating the play and scoring from two lineout drives.

They followed this up with an impressive first-half performance away at league leaders Cheltenham Tigers, with the opposition unable to enter Kens' half throughout the first 30 minutes. However, Tigers showed their experience, changed their tactics in the second half and the match ended 38-0. Another tough match for the first XV followed at home against West Park Leeds, who also had 3 bonus-point

wins from 3. Despite the visitors being short on numbers they showed their experience and class to defeat the hard-working Kenilworth side 66-0.

Our women are, however, very proud that their development team had their first match this month, at home to Old Silhillians. It was a fantastic day with all of our development players able to get plenty of minutes under their belts and pull off a fantastic team performance.

Our development XV next play Towcestersians away on the 14th of November, whilst our first XV are away at 3rd-place Loughborough this Sunday.



Phoebe Howles v West Park



Kens Women v West Park