



WELCOME TO WOLVERHAMPTON

It is with great pleasure we welcome all those associated with Wolverhampton RUFC to Glasshouse Lane for this delayed Mids 1 west league fixture, originally scheduled for Dec 2021. We have fond memories of playing Wolverhampton at home as we last played them at the start of our successful march to Twickenham in the Intermediate Cup – little did we know then that our narrow 24-22 win would be the first step towards Twickenham glory in May 2019! Our try scorers that day were Harry Abell, Tondi Mpambawashe and Bobby Thompson. Josh Emery had 3 cons & 1 pen. Whatever happened to Tondi (and Josh)!

Wolverhampton were promoted into the league from Midlands 2 North at the end of the 19/20 season and due to Covid they had to wait a full year to play a game. They have now played 18 games, winning 6, losing 11 and drawing 1.

They lie in 10th spot (of 14) and have scored 317 points with 323 against. Back in September we won the away fixture, 27 – 5 with tries from Ben Harrison, Sam Peppitt, Jake Dodd and Ollie Stone. Last time out (12th Feb) they had a 20-14 win over Old Halesonians.

The Director of Rugby for Wolverhampton is Neil Jones and he has Matthew Jones as Head Coach, assisted by Gary Summers. The captain is second row Nathan Parker.

TODAY'S LUNCH

This fixture was to be played pre-Christmas and was to be preceded by our annual Christmas Lunch. The Lunch went ahead despite the game being postponed and a good time was had by all who attended. Today, our President Dean, has taken the opportunity of hosting an informal President's Lunch.

MIDLANDS 1 West

It is really no change at the top of our league with Lichfield ahead of us by 16 points, but with 2 games in hand for ourselves. We still lie in 3rd, 4 points behind Stoke but also with two games in hand over them. Today, Lichfield travel to Ludlow in a re-arranged fixture. It is a tough place to go and we hope they (Ludlow) can do us a very big favour. Worcester are now well adrift at the foot, 12 points behind Sutton Coldfield.

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. What I can report is that we have applied for our 2nd XV to either, join the Midlands Reserve League, or, join the league structure at a lower level.

NEXT FEW WEEKS

Next week (5th March) is another home game for the 1st XV, against Newbold. It is sponsored by AJA Architects. The following week (12th March) we are away at Old Halesonians who play at Wassell Grove, Hagley, DY9 9JP. Our 'free' Saturday on the 19th March has now been occupied by the Malvern game. We are then back at home on the 26th March, v Stoke.

Our Women are away at Sefton tomorrow with their next scheduled home game being on the 12th v Firwood Waterloo.

Our high flying 2nd XV have three big up and coming league games and are also at home today, v Spartans and, the following week, are away at Barkers Butts. On the 19th March they are against Nuneaton Old Eds, at home.



Mikey Jones

| MIDLANDS 1 West | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Team | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | Pts |
| Lichfield | 19 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 824 | 282 | 91 |
| Stoke on Trent | 19 | 16 | 0 | 3 | 665 | 287 | 79 |
| Kenilworth | 17 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 764 | 241 | 75 |
| Stratford Upon Avon | 19 | 12 | 0 | 7 | 480 | 307 | 59 |
| Ludlow | 19 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 559 | 278 | 58 |
| Newbold on Avon | 19 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 415 | 378 | 52 |
| Whitchurch | 20 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 415 | 435 | 49 |
| Old Halesonians | 19 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 376 | 550 | 41 |
| Hereford | 18 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 324 | 461 | 35 |
| Wolverhampton | 18 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 317 | 323 | 34 |
| Malvern | 19 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 374 | 551 | 29 |
| Droitwich | 19 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 248 | 716 | 23 |
| Sutton Coldfield | 18 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 336 | 669 | 23 |
| Worcester | 17 | 3 | 0 | 14 | 191 | 810 | 11 |

SEASON STATS TO DATE

| Team | Top kicker | Top try scorer | Total points |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1st XV | Tyler Price (80) – 37c & 2p – 66% | Mike Ryan (14) | Tyler Price (95) |
| COLTS | Liam Waring (12) – 6c | George Roberts & Tom Davenport (3) | George Roberts & Tom Davenport (15) |
| 2nd XV | Ben Leahy (47) – 19c & 3p | Jack Rawlins (12) | Jack Rawlins (68) |
| WOMEN | Katie Pittaway (17) – 7c & 1p | P Rawbone, B Lewis & T Agboola (3) | Katie Pittaway (17) |

RECENT DEATHS

It is with regret that we announce the deaths of two familiar faces, Geoff Eames and David Blackburn. Our thoughts go out to both families.



Dave Blackburn



Geoff Eames

SPURGEON CUP AND WHEATLEY TROPHY 2022

Club golfers planning to enter the Spurgeon Cup and Wheatley Trophy, scheduled for the 2 June 2022, will have to alter their training regime. The date now falls during HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee holiday weekend, so the competition has moved to Friday 8 July, with tee times from 1.45pm at Kenilworth Golf Club. Golfers should amend their skills programme so that they peak on the new date.


Now in its 71st year, the Spurgeon Cup is a stableford competition open to all members and former members. The Wheatley Trophy is a four-ball team competition. To enter please contact Adrian Marsh at spurgeoncup@gmail.com

U14's

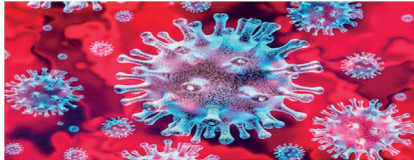
Following the disappointment of their narrow Warwickshire Cup defeat to Barkers Butts, the U14s entered the Plate competition and recently defeated Nuneaton in atrocious conditions, 12-5. Their reward is another home tie v Harbury, sometime in March.



David Opoko Fordjour



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THIS WEEK'S OTHER FIXTURES (with predictions)

| | | |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------|
| Hereford | V | Droitwich (home win) |
| Ludlow | V | Lichfield (home win please!) |
| Newbold on Avon | V | Sutton Coldfield (home win) |
| Worcester | V | Old Halesonians (away win) |

Men's Teams for 26th February 2022

Kenilworth

LAST TEN LEAGUE GAMES WWWLWWWWW

Blue with Gold Shirts, Blue Shorts

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1..... | George Walsh |
| 2..... | Adam Carey |
| 3..... | Jake Dodd |
| 4..... | Jonny Openshaw |
| 5..... | Lewis Kavanagh |
| 6..... | Michael Ryan |
| 7..... | Mikkel Andresen |
| 8..... | Bobby Thompson (C) |
| 9..... | Sam Peppitt |
| 10..... | Harry O'Brien |
| 11..... | Jayde Alexander |
| 12..... | Todd Freemantle |
| 13..... | Ed Hannam |
| 14..... | Ben Harrison |
| 15..... | Garrett Bell |
| Replacements: | |
| 16..... | Ollie Stone |
| 17..... | David Bromfield |
| 18..... | Ben Leahy |

Wolverhampton

LAST TEN LEAGUE GAMES WLWLLWWWWW

Black Shirts, Black Shorts

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| Replacements: | |
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| 18..... | |

Today's referee:

Callum George

Warwickshire Society

Player Sponsors

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Harry Abell | <i>Wright Hassall</i> | Jai Purewal | <i>Binary Blue</i> |
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| Lewis Kavanagh | <i>Astrum</i> | | |
| Ben Leahy | <i>Beauchamp Wealth</i> | | |
| Ross Lothian | <i>Ra Builders</i> | | |
| 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> | | |
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LAST FEW WEEKS

Only one game to report for the first XV and this was a solid 27-0 win over Ludlow in front of the anniversary celebrating Colts. Our try scorers were Bobby Thompson (2), Sam Peppitt, Adam Carey and the returning Ben Harrison. The game's only sour point was the late dismal of Jack Rawlins for a dangerous tackle, similar to the one that only resulted in a yellow for the opposition earlier on. Bobby's 2 tries takes him to 13 for the season, one behind leading try scorer Mike Ryan. Last week's scheduled game at Malvern was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch so the delights of the Nags Head will need to wait.

The 2nd XV managed a game at home last week defeating Newbold 42-3, this following on from a big win the previous week at Old Laurentian. 64-0. We now have a very healthy 2nd XV set up with players seamlessly integrating into the 1st XV when needed. In total they have used 49 players this season and in recent weeks they have been bolstered by a number of French players who have joined from Warwick Uni and who have added tenacity and style to the already impressive squad. – more on this influx in a later programme. Jack Rawlins is the top try scorer with 12 tries and Ben Leahy is the top kicker. Despite the run of (big) wins the league are currently only showing us in 2nd spot (of 11) behind Stratford – but with four less games played.

The Colts have 2 recent outings to report, a loss to Nuneaton, 5-36 and a well-earned 8-5 win over Earlsdon – both games under our lights on a Friday night.

Our Women have been inactive for the last two weeks due to the weather, but they return to action tomorrow (27th) at bottom club Sefton.



WHAT'S ON AT KRFC

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|------------|---|
| 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 |
| 8th July | Kenilworth RFC Golf Day |

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) | 27 | 0 | 3rd |
| 19 02 22 | Malvern | Postponed | | 3rd |
| 26 02 22 | Wolverhampton (H) | | | |
| 05 03 22 | Newbold (H) | | | |
| 12 03 22 | Old Halesonians (A) | | | |
| 19 03 22 | Malvern (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: 19, Won: 16, Lost: 3, Drawn: 0, Pts for: 817, Pts agst: 277 | | | | |

TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

2

We won our last home game with Wolverhampton by 2 points and this set us out on the road to Twickenham and cup glory!

8

Calling all golfers – the Kenilworth RFC Golf day will be 8th July with the individual Spurgeon Cup and team Wheatley Trophy up for grabs.

9

Number of league games left and we need 236 points to crack 1000 league points for the season. Current average is 45 per game.

14

Who is your money on to end up top try scorer? – Bobby currently with 13, or Mikey with 14. Do not rule out Sam on 12!

19

Re-arranged date in March for our trip to Malvern and to sample the nice beer and food at the Nags Head.

49

Number of players used in our 2nd XV this season now bolstered by a large number of talented French players from Warwick Uni.

COVENTRY RFC LINK

Congratulations to our front rows Ollie Stone and Josh Marsden, winger David Opoku Fordjour and scrum half Sam Peppitt for being selected in the Coventry Rugby senior squad for last Wednesday night's (23rd Feb) game against the RAF. Not to be outdone there will be a fixture against the Army on 5th March, both sides warming up for their head-to-head clash on the 26th March.



Colts 50th Anniversary Lunch

Original Colts