



# WELCOME TO HEREFORD

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all those associated with Hereford RFC to Glasshouse Lane for this Regional 2 Midlands West league game, our 5th of the season. Hereford started the season with a home win (36-22) over Stratford but then suffered defeats at the hands of Edwardians (24-26) and Silhillians (8-13). Last week they played Shipston at home, winning 24-13. To date they lie in 5th spot in the league with 13 points coming from their 2 wins and 2 losses, scoring 92 points and conceding 74, including 3 try bonus points and 2 losing bonus points.

The recent head-to-head record with Hereford stands well in their favour with them winning 15 of the 23 games recorded and an average score of Kenilworth 18 Hereford 25. Our most recent fixture was back in September 21, at Hereford, when we ran out big winners, 50-15 in our promotion winning (back to level 5) season. Our try scorers that day were Jake Dodd, George Walsh (2), Bobby Thompson, Tom Naismith, Garrett Bell, Sam Harrison and Johnny Openshaw.

The Hereford Head Coach is Dean Powell who has an association with Hereford spanning 20 years as a player and a coach. He is supported by Rhys Davies, Dave Thomas and Richard Bonelle.

Today's game is preceded by a lunch, organised by our M&J section. Whilst the parents enjoy a fine meal, the kids are being entertained in the back tent.

### PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE

I went to the final of the Women's World Cup

two Saturdays ago. What a remarkable occasion! Nearly 82,000 spectators watched the match and the atmosphere was electric from start to finish. England's Women were outstanding and we all felt they deserved to win the tournament. Let's hope the legacy of this is more girls and women playing rugby and more funding from the RFU.

Related to this, last week end we celebrated ten years of our Kenilworth Women's Section. The celebrations were very ably led by Phil Rawbone and her committee. The Women's Section has done remarkable things over the last ten years. A fine time was had by all and the performance of Victoria Scone in the evening was a fitting finale. It was great to see the whole club coming together and having a really fun packed evening. I was probably the oldest person in the room and the youngest (Thai) was about two years old! All these people coming together confirmed for me that rugby is all about family, community, togetherness, camaraderie and having fun. I frequently watch and observe members volunteering, interacting, continuously helping others, listening to others, voicing opinions, having ideas and respecting each other.

Just like a family, sometimes things get heated, there are disagreements too, but we all have a common connection and that is the game of rugby. As a result of this interaction and sociability we all become better human beings and therefore the conclusion I guess is Differences x Togetherness = Growth. Onwards and Upwards.

**Rich (RB) Bennett, President, Kenilworth RFC**



## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Glasshouse Lane! It's great to have you with us for what promises to be a cracking afternoon of rugby. A big warm welcome to our visitors today – Hereford RFC – a club with a serious heritage, going all the way back to 1870. They've got deep roots in the armed forces too, so normally I'd be happily shaking hands and getting a beer or two in for their lot... but not today... maybe after!

Hereford have started their season pretty solidly – 2 wins and 2 narrow losses, both of which could've gone their way. So don't let that record fool you – they're a well-drilled side and could easily be unbeaten so far.

As for us, we've been building nicely each week. We were unlucky last weekend away to Edwardians – another tight one that could have gone our way, but it came down to a big refereeing call right at the death. That said, we can't leave games hanging in the balance like that – we've got to take control and make sure we are a score clear so we are not relying on 50/50 decisions. The good news? We're improving with every game. We are creating chances, we are putting ourselves in the right areas, and we have got some serious gas out wide. If we can put the ball in the right spaces, at the right times, our runners will do the damage. It's coming together – and when it clicks, it's going to be a lot of fun to watch. So get behind the boys, enjoy the rugby, and let's hope the weather behaves!

**Special Mention:** To all the M&J coaches and players attending today's pre match meal and match day activity for the players. Thank you for all your efforts over the season, the children simply wouldn't be able to enjoy their games and training without your input! It is much appreciated by us all! Have fun!

Cheers, **Matt**



Tom Hunter

## REGIONAL 2 MIDLANDS WEST

Moseley Oak are now out in front with 4 bonus points win, least week defeating (the strong) Luctonians II's 34-13 at Luctonians. They clearly look like the team to beat. They are 1 point ahead of Stow who also have 4 wins. Last week's opponents Edwardians are lying in third. Old Halesonians are at the foot with a solitary bonus point. We are just above them on 3 points, 2 points behind Silhillians.

### FORMER PLAYERS LUNCH

The first FP Lunch is to be held on 25th October before our next home game with Silhillians. Tickets are £30. Please contact peter.lindsay@hotmail.co.uk or ring him on 07789753345 if you wish to attend.



### KENILWORTH WOMEN

First of all, it is a big apology the Women's 2nd XV for saying in the last programme they lost in their cup game at Coventry Welsh. They actually won 69-5 in their Women's Junior Cup game and now play Rugby Lionesses in the next round on 26th Oct.

The Women had quite a celebration last weekend, Drag Queen and all. On the pitch the 1st XV lost 17-29 to Sale but they had won their previous league game 27-17 against Novocastrians. Last Sunday the U18 squad won 39-12 at home to Old Yardleians, this being their second win on the trot following their 37-7 win over Stafford.

### JUNIORS CUP

Our U14, 15 & 16 squads are all participating in their respective Warwickshire Cups. This year it is being played in an initial group phase. The U14's lost their opening game against a very strong (and large, including a boy with a beard!) Stratford side whilst the U15 and U16's won well against Shipston and Harbury respectively. Most of these cup games are played on the main pitch on a Sunday morning and are advertised well in advance. The games are well worth watching.

### WARWICKSHIRE CUP

We have reached the semi finals of the Warwickshire Cup courtesy of Old Coventrians pulling out of our 1/4r final two weeks ago. I cannot find any trace of results in the other games, Shipston v Nuneaton, Sutton Coldfield v Stratford so cannot report (yet) on who we play in the semi-final.

### LAST FEW WEEKS

Two new faces who have been starring in recent games are full back Dan Ward who has come to us after being at Loughborough Uni and Sam Johnson, a returning ex M&J.

Two close defeats to report for our Men's 1st XV, losing a tight game at home to Stratford 17-20 and an equally close 22-26 defeat last week away at Edwardians. As DoR Matt has said our young squad are improving every week and it does not look like it will be long till we get that elusive win. For the record our try scorers v Stratford were Joe England and Bobby Thompson. We also seem to have found a decent kicker in Dan Ward who was 100% successful with 2 conversions & 1 penalty. Last week at Edwardians our try scorers were Bobby Thompson, captain Ted Bromwich and Fin Gibson. Charlie Wollaston was the kicker.

Our 2nd XV have only played once, last week's game at Old Laurentian being postponed due to clubhouse renovations. Their one game was a close 15-17 defeat at Daventry 3's with tries for Sandeep Dhaliwal (2) and Raj Bahey.

Our Colts are flying high and are undefeated this season. Their last two outings were 24-12 win over Nuneaton and a 12-0 win at Old Leamingtonians last week. Current top points scorer is Ollie Addis with 2 tries and 7 conversions (24 points). Louis Smith and Jayden Kundi are top try scorers with 3 apiece. In the 4 games to date they have scored an impressive 22 tries.

### NEXT FEW WEEKS

Next week (18th Oct) we are away at Shipston and they continue to play at Mayo Rd, Shipston, CV36 4BH. The following week it is Silhillians at home in front of our Former Players. The 2nd XV are away at Sutton Coldfield on the 18th and then away at Spartans on the 25th Oct.

### TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NOS

**3** At the start of the season we played 3 games against teams with the same strip!

**10** Our very successful Women's Section were ten years old last weekend

**14** "An Evening with Jimmy Gopperth" – 14th Nov from 7pm at KRFC

**17** "Hidden Powers Magic Show" Angus Baskerville – 17th Oct from 7.30pm at KRFC

**20** Our average points per game to date, tadge better than last season's average of 13

**43** Club Captain Charlie Morris' number of appearances for the 1st XV to date

### UP AND COMING EVENTS AT KRFC

<b>17th Oct</b>	Hidden Powers Magic Show
<b>19th Oct</b>	Women U18 v Brackley, 2pm
<b>25th Oct</b>	1st XV v Silhillians, 2.15pm
<b>25th Oct</b>	<b>Former Players Lunch</b>
<b>25th Oct</b>	Colts v Earlsdon, 3pm
<b>26th Oct</b>	Women II v Rugby Lionesses (Junior Cup), 2pm
<b>1st Nov</b>	Women 1 v Blaydon, 2pm
<b>7th Nov</b>	Colts v Old Leamingtonians, 7.15pm
<b>8th Nov</b>	1st XV v Old Halesonians, 2.15pm
<b>8th Nov</b>	Services Lunch
<b>8th Nov</b>	Women 1 v Cheltenham, 2pm
<b>9th Nov</b>	U15's v Alcester, cup, 11am
<b>9th Nov</b>	Women II v Silhillians, 2pm
<b>14th Nov</b>	An Evening with Jimmy Gopperth
<b>22nd Nov</b>	2nd XV v Leamington, 2.15pm
<b>23rd Nov</b>	U14's v Berkswell & Balsall, cup, 11am
<b>28th Nov</b>	Colts v Old Laurentian, 7.30pm
<b>29th Nov</b>	1st XV v Moseley Oak, 2.15pm
<b>30th Nov</b>	Women 1 v West Park Leeds, 2pm

### FOOD AT KENILWORTH RUGBY CLUB

Match Day food is available in the form of filled rolls, pies, soup & roll or a more substantial meal, as served to the players. Ask behind the bar.

During the week, it is Burger Wednesday or Thank Cod it's Friday.

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	POS
6/09/25	Luctonians II's (h)	20-33	9th
13/09/25	Stow on the Wold (a)	20-33	10th
20/09/25	Stratford (h)	17-20	11th
27/09/25	Old Coventrians (h)	HWO	War Cup
4/10/25	Edwardians (a)	22-26	11th
11/10/25	Hereford (h)		
18/10/25	Shipston (a)		
25/10/25	Silhillians (h)		
1/11/25			
8/11/25	Old Halesonians (h)		
15/11/25			
22/11/25	Ludlow (a)		
29/11/25	Moseley Oak (h)		
6/12/25	Malvern (a)		
13/12/25	Stow on the Wold (h)		
20/12/25	Stratford (a)		
27/12/25			
30/12/26			
10/01/26	Edwardians (h)		
17/01/26	Hereford (a)		
24/01/26			
31/01/26	Shipston (h)		
7/02/26			
14/02/26	Silhillians (a)		
21/02/26			
28/02/26	Old Halesonians (a)		
7/03/26	Ludlow (h)		
14/03/26			
21/03/26	MoseleyOak (a)		
28/03/26	Malvern (h)		
4/04/26			
11/04/26	Luctonians II's (a)		

**P4, L4, 79 pts for, 112 pts agst**

## KENILWORTH V HEREFORD

SAT 11TH OCTOBER 2025

### KENILWORTH TEAM

1	Ted Bromwich (C)
2	Charlie Morris
3	Ross Lowthian
4	Max Stanton
5	Dan Wildey
6	Fin Gibson
7	Max Brain
8	Bobby Thompson
9	Gareth Renowden
10	Sam Fountaine
11	Sam Johnson
12	Sandeep Dhaliwal
13	Joe Peppitt
14	Hector Smith
15	Charlie Wollaston
16	Finn Nicholas
17	Joe England
18	Dan Ward

Referee Jamie Hanson, Warwickshire

**FORM:** KENILWORTH: LLLL  
HEREFORD: WLLW

