



Action from October 2017

WELCOME TO SILHILLIANS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the players, supporters and committee men from Silhillians for this Regional 2 (level 6) league game, our 7th of 22. Our last game was the end of season game (in our worst ever season) last April. It is fair to say that our young squad preformed well in a 10-26 defeat and we saw the first green shots of a revival in our fortunes. Over the recent years there have been 13 encounters and Kenilworth have won 8, the average score being 27-22 to Kenilworth. One match I do remember was a Warwickshire Cup game in the early 90's when Silhillians (they were Old then!) resided at a lower level than us. We barely scraped a squad together and duly lost – this being one of the moments that made us re-think and ushered in the Steve Brain era, and success.

Silhillians were relegated (with us) from level 5 last season but performed rather better than us winning 7 of their 22 games. This season they have won 2 of their 6 games, Hereford away, 13-8 and, last weekend, an impressive 26-17 home win over Luctonians II's. They have lost to Edwardians, Moseley Oak, Malvern and Shipston (24-29). They lie just above us in the league with the same points total (11), scoring 107 points and conceding 139. They have accrued one try bonus and two losing bonus points. I think it is fair to say today's game is the first '8 pointer' of the season and the evidence points to a tight game.

Their Head Coach is Tom Manise, who has been at Silhillians for 30+ years. He took over from the very successful Rod Petty at the end of last season. Tom is assisted by Maximus Manise.

PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE

Thank you Will!

Will Owen, son of Glyn, recently wrote in an article in the Rugby Paper 'Dad took me to minis when I was four. My earliest memories were when I was six or seven years old: tag belts, muddy fields and the desperate wish to be allowed to tackle. Kenilworth was my club right through to eighteen. It taught me the basics and the joy, which is all any junior section can do.' Well done to Steve Haynes and Pikey Fisher who were Will's coaches through these years.

Will turned professional and played for Birmingham Moseley, Rotherham, Doncaster and Coventry. He is now player/coach at Clifton. The point here is that rugby needs to be joyful and fun, especially for our youngsters. Great memories are made from this foundation. As adults, we never really know how we influence our youngsters, and for them it needs to be positive and heart-warming.

We are witnessing these sorts of building blocks occurring in the senior side of our club as well, in both the men and women's sections. Within these sections we are playing the sort of rugby



that showcases endeavour, grit and determination. The spirit and camaraderie in these sections is really commendable and the players are also having fun. Matt Price our Director of Rugby always talks about knitting the different elements together. We are all feeling and seeing this happening and everyone enjoying the process. Our performances are key and of course winning helps enormously! Onwards.

- Rich (RB) Bennett, President.



WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Glasshouse Lane! Welcome to all from Silhillians Rugby Club, a club that sits 12 miles away from us and 1 position above us in the early stage of the season. A good win against Luctonians II's last week will put a skip in their step and they will be coming to Glasshouse Lane looking to move up the table, as we are. Louis Roach is a stand out player for them and one I know from my time at Coventry. Give Louis space and he will punish you, a great stepper and finisher so we have to be on our guard with him.

Only 4 points separate 11th to 6th place in the league currently so all very much to play for in these early opening rounds of Mids 2 West. It's a challenging league as with a couple of 2s sides or 'feeder' sides in it, one week you can be playing one side and due to call ups be playing a different side on the return. You have to focus on yourselves and being accurate is key. We know if we are accurate with what we want to do then we are a top side in this league, problem is you have 15 blokes trying to knock you off your stride while doing so.

Our last home game saw us finally break the non-win streak with a last play of the game score under the posts to win

it. Sam Fountaine stepping up to slot it (apparently the Chairman/Dad could not look). I want to highlight the work in the scrum, without that pressure the pass would not have gone dead from their scrum half and we would not have had the chance to win it. Great to hear the noise when the try was awarded. Lets hear some of that again today please!

Enjoy today, **Matt**.

REGIONAL 2 MIDLANDS WEST

It is still Moseley Oak who are the front runners with 6 consecutive bonus point wins, including a big 69-0 win over second placed Stow two weeks ago. Moseley Oak are averaging 40+ points per game and are clearly the class act in our league. They are six points ahead of Stow who lead Edwardians by 2. Old Halesonians, lie at the foot of the league with only 2 bonus points and they are 9 points adrift of ourselves and today's opponents Silhillians. Four points then cover the teams up to 6th confirming the competitiveness of the league.

For your information in Regional Midlands 1, level 5 Stourbridge are the early leaders from Newport and Bourneville. In our feeder league below (C1MWS) Worcester are the early leaders from Camp Hill and Bromyard with our old friends Leamington in 4th spot.

KENILWORTH WOMEN

Our Women's 1st XV lost their last league game, 26-29 at Bury St Edmonds and a currently 7th in their league with 1 win from 4. They are away at Barnsley today and at home next Saturday v Blaydon.

The 2nd XV have defeated Coventry Welsh 45-3 in their only league game to date. They are at home to Rugby Lionesses tomorrow in a Junior Cup game.

THAT HEREFORD WIN

The emotion that was evident in the big crowd at the end of the Hereford game was truly amazing and there were many lumps in throats and croaky voices, for those who could speak, me included. The way our young squad, superbly marshalled by a few old heads, came back from 12-24 down in the dying minutes to win the game 26-24 was truly sensational and congratulations to all involved, particularly Sam Fountaine with that last kick conversion.. Our subs bench had comprised 3 forwards and sods law happened and we lost 3 backs to injury producing a rather unusual set of backs to complete the game.

For the record this was our first win since 16th March 2024 when (in level 5) we defeated Derby at home, 37-31 and we ended that season (23/24) with 3 defeats, had 19 losses last season (and 3 concessions) and started this season with 4 defeats – a run of 26 games. This is a far cry from our all-conquering undefeated home run between March 2018 and October 2020, including our run to Twickenham 21 when we went undefeated at home for 29 consecutive games, cup and league.

FORMER PLAYERS LUNCH

Today is the first of our Former Players and Presidents Lunch and we welcome all (80+) of you back to the club. We are no longer on a losing streak after our glorious win over Hereford, breaking a duck of 26 consecutive league defeats, and you will find on the field a lot of very young faces, assisted by a few old heads. You will be impressed by them all, win, lose or draw.

Off the field it is good to report that the ground move is now getting back on track and we have a new developer on board – HarperCrewe. There is a SGM at the club on Tuesday 28th to progress this. Fingers are crossed that if we can get things moving quickly then work on the pitches can start in Feb-March 26 for occupation in August 27.

LAST FEW WEEKS

That wonderful and historic win for the 1st XV over Hereford has been documented elsewhere. We worked very hard to follow it up with another win last weekend but just came up short with a 26 all draw at Shipston. Shipston took an early lead but we came back strong to level the scores then take the lead on 3 occasions with tries only for Shipston to respond with 3 tries. With the scores at 26 apiece both teams had chances and Shipston had a penalty in front of the posts in the dying minutes to win the game but elected to tap and go and we cleared to earn the draw, and 3 points.

Our Men's 2nd XV had a big win at home over Broadstreet 3's but had to pull out of last weeks game at Sutton Coldfield due to a shortage of front rows. They are (hopefully) away at Spartans today.

Our Colts have had a superb start to the season winning their opening 7 games. Their last outing was against Earlsdon last Friday night and ended in a 55-24 win and they sit proudly at the top of their league.

NEXT FEW WEEKS

Next weekend (1st Nov) is a week off for the 1st XV and they return to action on the 8th Nov with another home game against Old Halesonians. On Friday 7th Nov the 2nd XV have a game under the lights at Berkswell & Balsall, 7.15 kick off. Our Women's 2nd XV are at home tomorrow (2pm) in a cup game against Rugby Lionesses and their 1st XV are at home next Sat (1st Nov) against Blaydon, 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.

UP AND COMING EVENTS AT KRFC

26th Oct	Women II v Rugby Lionesses (Junior Cup), 2pm
28th Oct	SGM – discussing ground move, 6.15pm
1st Nov	Women 1 v Blaydon, 2pm
7th Nov	Colts v Old Leamingtonians, 7.15pm
8th Nov	1st XV v Old Halesonians, 2.15pm
8th Nov	Services Lunch
8th Nov	Women 1 v Cheltenham, 2pm
9th Nov	U15's v Alcester, cup, 11am
9th Nov	Women II v Silhillians, 2pm
14th Nov	An Evening with Jimmy Gopperth
16th Nov	U14's v Berkswell & Balsall, 11am
16th Nov	U16's v Shipston, 1am
22nd Nov	2nd XV v Leamington, 2.15pm
23rd Nov	U14's v Berkswell & Balsall, cup, 11am
23rd Nov	U16's v Leamington, 11am
28th Nov	Colts v Old Laurentian, 7.30pm
29th Nov	1st XV v Moseley Oak, 2.15pm
30th Nov	Women 1 v West Park Leeds, 2pm
7th Dec	U16's v Old Wheatleyans, 11am
12th Dec	2nd XV v Berkswell & Balsall, 7.30pm
13th Dec	1st XV v Stow, 2.15pm
13th Dec	Christmas Lunch
14th Dec	U14's v Silhillians, 11am
14th Dec	U16's v Silhillians, 11am
20th Dec	2nd XV v Old Coventrians, 2.15pm

TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NOS

- 7** Our Colts have won their first 7 games and are top of their league, great start!
- 11** Points total of both Silhillians & Kenilworth before today – a real '8 pointer' awaits.
- 26** We had 26 consecutive losses going back to March 24 (not counting 3 concessions)
- 28** The SGM at the club on 28th Oct to confirm the new developer. We will move, promise!
- 29** The number of consecutive home wins from March 2018 to October 2020, and a cup win!
- 50** If Club Captain Charlie Morris plays today it will be his 50th 1st XV appearance, scoring 3 tries.

KENILWORTH V SILHILLIANS

SAT 25TH OCTOBER 2025

KENILWORTH TEAM

1	Ted Bromwich (C)
2	Charlie Morris
3	Ross Lowthian
4	Max Stanton
5	Tom Davenport
6	Dan Wildey
7	Max Brain
8	Bobby Thompson
9	Robbie Holden
10	Sam Fountaine
11	Dan Ward
12	Sandeep Dhaliwal
13	Tommy Hunter
14	Hector Smith
15	Ed Mitchell
16	Matt Gibson
17	Isaac Fountaine
18	Aled Balman

REFEREE Haydon Sarjeant, Warwickshire

FORM: KENILWORTH: DWL L L L
SILHILLIANS: W L L W L L



Happy boys after Hereford Win

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	POS
6/09/25	Luctonians II's (h)	20-33	9 th
13/09/25	Stow on the Wold (a)	20-33	10 th
20/09/25	Stratford (h)	17-20	11 th
27/09/25	Old Coventrians (h)	HWO	WAR CUP
4/10/25	Edwardians (a)	22-26	11 th
11/10/25	Hereford (h)	26-24	10 th
18/10/25	Shipston (a)	26-26	11 th
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)		

P6, W1, L4, D1, 131 pts for, 162 pts agst