



Action from April 2017

WELCOME TO MOSELEY OAK

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all those associated with Moseley Oak for only their second visit to Glasshouse Lane, the first being in April 2017. That season (in Mids 1 west) Moseley Oak won both games, a big win (52-17) in December at their place and a much closer game in the return, 25-20. For the record our try scorers were Tommy Jones, Will Blackmore and Jamie Mapletoft in the first game and Mikkel Andresen and Bobby Thompson in the return.

Moseley Oak RFC were formed in 2008 (from the remnants of Selly Oak RFC) and is based at the Billesley Common Rugby Complex which is shared with sister club, Birmingham Moseley Rugby Club. Kenilworth regularly played Selly Oak in the mid to late 90's and Steve Brain was a great admirer of the two fine wingers they had who consistently scored against us. He tried but failed to bring them to Kenilworth.

Last season Oak finished second in this league, well adrift of the winners, Newent and winning 17 of their 22 games. This season they are going one better and are leading the league with 9 straight bonus point wins, scoring 386 points and conceding 113. Their last outing was at home to Shipston and this ended in a 59-5 win to maintain their perfect and unbeaten start.

PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE

With RB somewhere in the Himalayas doing the Annapurna Round it falls to me to pen a simulacrum of some presidential notes this week. He often, quite rightly, espouses typical rugby values like community, camaraderie and conviviality and as I tried to recall connections with Moseley Oak the usual examples of the rugby family, characters, stories and how we are all linked sprang to mind. There being relatively little history with Moseley Oak I cast my mind back to the good Selly Oak team

of the early 90s. We had some great games with them and those who played away will remember post match pints at the quirky allotment clubhouse. As programme notes elsewhere inform us Moseley Oak owe their existence to some form of amalgamation with Selly Oak and the famous Moseley Club and the links between Moseley and Kenilworth are many. Let's start with Steve Sutherland who played at 9 for Moseley against Gloucester in the 1982 John Player Cup final at Twickenham which finished in a 12-12 draw and in old school style they shared the trophy. (If you are of a particular persuasion you can find the game on an old Rugby Special on Youtube!) In Moseley's back row that day was their club legend Dave 'Warro' Warren who, not that long ago, shared stories with me of battles against our very own Robin Cardwell in the feisty Coventry v Moseley derbies of yesteryear. A contemporary of Sutho's, Dave Simmons, wore the black and red and current Pirates, Dave Kennell and Danny Rawlins, also donned a Moseley shirt. Steve Brain was at Moseley before his move to Glasshouse Lane with a couple of stop offs at Coundon Road, Webb Ellis Road and Twickenham along the way. More recently, Will Owen began his professional career at Billesley Common under the leadership of Bristol Irishman Kevin Maggs and Harry O'Brien spent two seasons there from 2019 - 2022.

The most up to date link I can think of is Tom Miles our ex mini and junior, currently at Coventry, who was at Moseley last season. There are, no doubt, connections that I have missed but I am sure they will be revealed today. So, as RB gasps for air in the foothills of Annapurna and regales his Sherpa with tales of Kenilworth RFC, let's raise a glass to celebrate our rugby networks and keep on making them wherever we go and whoever we meet.

- Rich (RB) Bennett, President, KRFC.



WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY– Matt Price

Good afternoon everyone, and a very warm welcome to Glasshouse Lane.

A warm welcome to our visitors today, Moseley Oak RFC – A club that in its own right are competing very well in the league and currently sit top of the table unbeaten. Close links with Birmingham Moseley has been a big advantage for the club and sees them share resources in terms of players, coaching and ideas. While Moseley Oak are flying, it can't be said of the same for its sister club who are struggling in Nat 1.

Moseley Oak have had some really superb scorelines recently with a 59-5 thumping last Friday night over Shipston-on-Stour. They have scored 138 more points than the second highest points scorers so far and have conceded 53 points less than the second-best defensive team so far. Quite rightly they sit at the top of the tree. Joe Nellany their 10 is a key player for them and one that I know from our time at Bournville together. Joe is a very classy, dangerous attack minded player. A 'step you in a phone box' type of player and one we will need to give no time on the ball today. There are dangers, however all over the park so we are very much coming in as underdogs in this game.

Onto us and we had a very mixed bag game last weekend vs Ludlow away. The first 30mins we would like to forget as the last 50mins we won 19-0. It shows when we stick to a game plan and we are accurate, we can put teams under pressure and score points. You simply can't give a team a 26 nil head start though. The OH game at home 2 weeks prior to this was even more frustrating. We had a number of opportunities to score points and keep them out but were simply not accurate enough. Generally, whoever looks after the ball and the breakdown the best in this league, comes out as winners.

Enjoy the rugby - Cheers, **Matt**.

JUNIOR CUPS

All three Junior age groups have now played their three group matches and they are all through to the knock out stages of their cups.

U14s - Lost against Stratford, win against Old Laurentians, win against Balsall and Berkswell, 22-14.

U15s - Win against Shipston, loss against Old Leamingtonians away, win against Alcester, 25-10.

U16s - Win against Harbury, win against Nuneaton Old Ed's, win away at Broadstreet 52-3.

REGIONAL 2 MIDLANDS WEST

Today's visitors Moseley Oak lie comfortably at the top of the league with nine straight bonus point wins. They lead Stow on the Wold by 11 points, with Ludlow, Luctonians II and Malvern in chase. Our conquerors of two weeks ago, Old Halesonians, are still at the foot, 5 points behind Stratford. We currently lie in 10th spot (of 12) with 18 points, eight of which are bonus points.

YOUNG PLAYERS GETTING RECOGNITION

Our very successful crop of Colts this season has not gone unnoticed and eight of the squad have represented Warwickshire U18's in the past few weeks - Jayden Kundi, Stan Ridge, Will Shelton, Ollie Addis, Dan Franklin, Jordan Cartwright, Harry Beeson and Noah Ward.

Not to be out done three of our Women's U18 squad attended an England Development Camp - Scarlett Novakovic, Meg Howells and Isla Rose Casey.



Warwickshire Colts

NO SCOTLAND NO PARTY

On one outrageous Hampden Park night Kenny McLean, Kieran Tierney and Scott McTominay relegated Archie Gemmill's stupendous solo effort against the Netherlands in 1978 to merely the fourth best Scotland goal of all time. Zinedine Zidane's volley for Real Madrid in Hampden's Champions League final of 2002? A mere tap in by comparison. So it is big congratulations to the Scotland Football squad (and indeed England!) for making it to a World Cup for the first time since 1998. Not so much the Scotland rugby boys who managed to conjure up a defeat after leading 21-0 - it is all the more galling – if they had defeated Argentina by 16 points then they would have moved into the top 6 in the World Rankings and had an easier World Cup group.



Christmas Lunch poster

LAST FEW WEEKS

There was I sunning myself in Carveeiro and looking forward to an afternoon (of crap Portuguese) beer and a Scotland win (over the All Blacks) and a Kenilworth win (over Old Halesonians). Neither came to pass and I think I was more disappointed that we failed to defeat the bottom club. From my view on X, and RB's report, we were never really in the game and, perhaps, we took our foot of the gas after an exciting past three undefeated games. For the record it was a 24-32 loss and our try scorers were Matt Gibson, captain Ted Bromwich, Charlie Morris and Sam Fountaine. Last week we travelled to Ludlow and gave them a 26 point start. In our usual fashion we came back strongly with tries from Ted Bromwich, Max Brain, Hector Smith but duly lost 19-26. We now have news of our Warwickshire Cup semi final and we will be playing Sutton Coldfield, away on 7th Feb.

Our Colts superb winning run came to an end at Barkers Butts two weeks ago with a 29-31 defeat, our try scorers being Jayden Kundi, Charlie Rugg (2), Oliver Addis and Jacob Edsall. Barkers now head the league by 4 points from us.

Our 1st XV Women played before our game with Old Halesonians and lost 12-57 to Cheltenham Tigers. Last week they travelled to Lichfield and narrowly lost 5-10. They now lie 7th (of 10) in their league. The 2nd XV had a very big 81-12 win over Silhillians and they followed it up with a superb 35-14 win at league leaders Old Northamptonians last week. They currently lie 2nd in their league, one point behind ON's, but with a game in hand.

NEXT FEW WEEKS

Our next 1st XV game, the last of the first half of the season, is away at Malvern, next week, 6th Dec. This is always a good trip especially if you take in the delights of the Nags Head before the game – good food and beer. Malvern continue to play at Spring Lane, WR14 1AJ and you will find the Nag's Head about 1.5 miles away at Bank St, WR14 2JG. The following week (13th) is the start of the return fixtures and we entertain Stow on the Wold on the 13th – the day of our Christmas Lunch.

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

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
24th Dec	Xmas Eve at the club
10th Jan	1st XV v Edwardians, 2.15pm
10th Jan	Colts v Keresley, 2.15pm
11th Jan	Women 1 v Bury St Edmonds, 2pm
7th Feb	1st XV v Sutton Coldfield, War Cup semi final

TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NOS

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| 11 | Number of our Colts and Women U18's who have been recognised for their talent |
| 13 | The date in December of our annual Christmas Lunch which is always a good event |
| 16 | U16's are through undefeated to the knock out stage of their Cup. U14's & 15's also doing well. |
| 27 | We have a new deal to sell our grounds – we could move in Aug 2027, but more likely 2028 |
| 28 | Scotland qualified for the football 2006 World Cup – first time in 28 years, never in doubt! |
| 31 | A Pirates' Lunch on the 31st Jan – always a good day – opposition is Shipston on Stour |

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)	29-27	9 th
1/11/25			
8/11/25	Old Halesonians (h)	24-32	9 th
15/11/25			
22/11/25	Ludlow (a)	19-26	10 th
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)		

P9, W2, L6, D1, 203 pts for, 247 pts agst

KENILWORTH V MOSELEY OAK

SAT 29TH NOVEMBER 2025

KENILWORTH TEAM

1	Ted Bromwich (c)
2	Charlie Morris
3	Matt Gibson
4	Max Stanton
5	Dan Wildey
6	Isaac Fountaine
7	Fin Gibson
8	Max Brain
9	Gaz Renowden
10	Sam Fountaine
11	Hector Smith
12	Tom Hunter
13	Sam Herniman
14	Sam Johnson
15	Charlie Wollaston
16	Ross Lowthian
17	oe Stockbridge
18	Sandeep Dhaliwal

REFEREE Haydon Sarjeant, Warwickshire

FORM: KENILWORTH: LLWDWL
MOSELEY OAK: WWWWWW



"U14's action"