

Action from Sept 25

WELCOME TO LUCTONIANS RFC

Today we welcome Luctonians RFC, second XV, to Glasshouse Lane for our Regional 2 Midlands west league fixture. Luctonians 1st XV are currently playing at level 4 where they are top of their league with eight wins from their nine games. The second XV are in our league in level 6 and to date they have played 6 games, winning 4 (Dudley K, Stow, Drybrook and Silhillians) but losing to Malvern and, last week, Hereford, scoring 144 points and conceding 110. They currently sit in 5th spot in the league.

Last season Luctonians II's were our first foot, defeating us 20-33, our try scorers being Gaz Renowden and Paddy Grace with 2 each. We travelled there for the final game of the season and our much improved (and confident) squad put in a superb performance to win 38-21 with tries (one of which was arguably our try of the season) from Max Brain, Fin Nicholas (2), Fin Barnacle, Joe England and Sam Peppitt. They finished in 3rd spot with 14 wins and 8 losses but the RFU League rules denied them a chance of promotion via the play offs.

The 2nd XV are coached by Joff Bemand, Kieram Hallam, and Charlie Meredith, and train together with the 1st XV on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ensuring continuity in coaching standards, playing style, and club culture. With a balance of ambition and player development, the Luctonians 2nd XV continue to push boundaries, producing players ready to wear the famous black and white hoops at National League level.

PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE - LEST WE FORGET

Today is the day of our Services Pre-Match Lunch. During conflicts many people did not make it home. Those that did may have carried visible wounds, and others very probably live with invisible wounds, all for us to live in a free democratic country. Their actions have enabled us to carry out our day to day lives with minimal disturbance. Lots of dodgy things are happening in the world at the moment and our democracy needs to be treasured. I very often take long walks. Sometimes I walk through a church grave yard and often notice Commonwealth War Graves that have been carefully maintained and I take the time to read the head stones. What these people did for our long-term benefit is incredible. The village of Baginton just up the road from where I live, has St John the Baptist Church at its heart, it has a large grave yard, in there are the graves of nine Polish airmen who were killed in air battles in the second world war from 1940-1942. The graves are all superbly maintained by the parish community and by the local Polish community. They gave their lives to defend our democracy. This is always a reality check for me and I always stop and take a moment. Lest we forget. Enjoy todays match and celebrate the fact that we are able to embrace the values of rugby.

- Rich (RB) Bennett,
President, Kenilworth R.F.C.

WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

A very warm welcome to Kenilworth Rugby Club for today's fixture against Luctonians RFC 2nd XV, as we celebrate our annual Services Day.

Firstly, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone joining us today who serves, or has served, in their respective professions and organisations. The contribution you make to our communities and wider society should never be underestimated. Without your dedication, commitment and sacrifice, the world we live in would be a very different place. We are delighted to welcome you to the club and hope you enjoy the occasion.

A warm welcome also to our visitors from Luctonians RFC. They are a well-established club with a strong rugby structure, and their 2nd XV is a great example of the benefits of having a competitive second team playing regular rugby week in, week out. They currently sit fifth in the league, having won four of their opening fixtures. Last week's unexpected home defeat to Hereford will no doubt provide extra motivation for them to get back to winning ways this afternoon. We know we will be facing a well-organised and competitive side.

From our perspective, the last few weeks have been encouraging. A narrow one-point defeat away at Worcester was sandwiched by positive performances and victories against Hereford and, most recently, Ludlow last weekend. There is a real sense that we are building momentum, finding some consistency and playing some good rugby – or, as Jimmy would say, 'decent footy!'

The challenge now is to continue that progress. We know what we are capable of, but the important thing is translating that onto the pitch every week. Today presents another opportunity to test ourselves against a strong opposition, impose our style of play and continue developing as a team.

Ultimately, it comes down to who executes their game plan best, who works hardest for one another and who takes their opportunities when they come.

Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support. It makes a huge difference to everyone representing the club.

Enjoy the rugby, enjoy Services Day and have a great afternoon.

Cheers,

Matt Price, Director of Rugby, Kenilworth RFC

A SPECIAL LUNCH TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR ARMED FORCES AND BLUE LIGHT SERVICES

Last year's Services Lunch saw Kenilworth RFC sign the Armed Forces Covenant demonstrating their support for both Serving and Retired members of HM Armed Forces within our Community. This year, the club has further enhanced their commitment by achieving the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award which further supports the Clubs commitment to the Covenant.

Today's lunch is a celebration for the dedication and professionalism of all uniformed services and brings together past and present members of the Armed Forces, Blue Light and other emergency responders. We are especially honoured to welcome the Brethren of Lord Leycester Hospital as our guests and hope that they have an enjoyable afternoon. Today is an opportunity to enjoy good food, friendship and conversation. It is a wonderful opportunity bringing people together, share experiences and acknowledge the important contribution these services make to our everyday lives. Rugby is built on loyalty, resilience and team work, all qualities exemplified by our armed forces and blue light services and is what brings those communities together.

NEW FACES

The last few weeks has seen a few new faces amongst our ranks:

Tom Aldwinckle
- a scrum half/wing who joins us from Loughborough Students.

Sam Williams
- a winger who has moved to the area and previously played for Wasps FC amateur side.

Dylan Bevan
- Dylan is the youngest son of our ex-captain Mike Bevan. He was a M&J until the Bevan family moved to Dubai. He continued his rugby education in Dubai where he received UAE representative honours. He has recently completed a degree course at Nottingham Trent where he starred for the university rugby team and caught the eye of Hinckley where he played last season. Mike has remained in the Middle East and is currently working in Saudi Arabia on the Line Project.

A review of the starters in our (very successful) second XV shows the presence of Ollie Sharples, another of our 2019 cup winning squad. Welcome back Ollie.

NEXT FEW WEEKS

Next week (28th) our men are away at Malvern and no doubt a few of us will be visiting the very popular Nag's Head for a pie and a decent pint prior to the game. Malvern continue to play at Spring Lane, WR14 1AJ. We can only hope it is a wee bit drier this year – last season's game being played on a mud bath of a pitch. The Nag's Head can be found at Bank St, Malvern, WR14 2JG, about 1.5 miles from the ground. We are next back at home on the 5th Dec in a game against Shipston.

LAST FEW WEEKS

A decent win over Hereford, a stupendous (but losing) effort at Worcester and a superb bonus point win away at Ludlow to report. We defeated Hereford (in atrocious conditions) 24-12 with tries from Fin Nicholas, Tommy Hunter and Lewis Hall. Charlie Wollaston was a 100% successful with his kicks, 3 cons and 1 pen. The man of the match was scrum-half Danny Green. We then travelled to high flying Worcester who were undefeated in the league last season and had started this season with four straight wins. We gave them a 12 point start then came back strongly to square the game with tries from Lewis Hall and captain Ted Bromwich. We then went behind 12-27 but came back strongly with tries for Fin Nicol and Matt Gibson (converted by Charlie Wollaston) but despite our strongest efforts we just failed to close out the game, but gaining 2 bonus points in the process. Worcester were very complimentary to our performance. Last week at Ludlow we came away with the full five points with a 27-14 win. Our try scorers were Fin Gibson, Ted Bromwich, Max Brain and Sam Fountaine. This, and other results, takes us up to 3rd in the league, 8 points behind the leaders Worcester.

Our 2nd XV have been busy, though not on the 31st Oct when Broadstreet 3's conceded the league game to us. The following week they travelled to Rugby St Andrews and won 62-0 with tries for Finn Yallop (4), Angelo Howarth, Harry Healey, Sam Williams and Mark Wylie (2). Last weekend was a tougher game at Daventry 3's. However, the much-changed team came away with another superb win 29-19 with tries from Dan Retter (2), Jack Erskine (2) and Geraint Graham. They now sit top of Warwickshire 1 league.

Our Colts have recently lost to Old Laurentian but defeated Nuneaton. They have had a problem with players this season. Claverdon and Silhillians have had similar problems and it has been agreed that all three clubs would amalgamate at colts level for this season to give them league rugby

Our Women's 1st XV have played three recent games, losing to Sale (0-46) away, Dryfield, 5-16, away and Cheltenham Tigers, 12-26, at home. They currently lie in 5th spot in their league of 10 with two wins and four losses. The Women's 2nd XV conceded their league game at Old Halesonians then lost their big local derby with Old Leamingtonians, 10-39. Last weekend v Rugby Lionesses they had a 29-0 win. They currently lie at the foot of their 8 team league with 2 wins, 2 losses and that conceded game.



TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NOS

3	Our Colts are struggling to field a side, along with Claverdon & Silhillians, so we have sensibly joined together.
13	Pirates Lunch on this day in February, prior to our return fixture with Worcester
19	Christmas Lunch on this day in December, prior to our return fixture with Stow
29	Nations Championship Final day, but other play-off games start on the 27th Nov – all games at the club
51	Captain Ted has now played 51 games for the 1st XV since his debut in 23/24 season, and 15 tries to boot!
53	Points scored in our splendid game at Worcester, losing out by one point to the leaders.

UP AND COMING EVENTS AT KRFC

27-29th Nov	Nations Championship Finals weekend
28th Nov	Women 1st XV v West Park Leeds
29th Nov	Women 2nd XV v Handsworth
5th Dec	Men's 1st XV v Shipston
12th Dec	Men's 2nd XV v Old Laurentian II
12th Dec	Colts v Earlsdon
13th Dec	Women 2nd XV v Tamworth
19th Dec	Men's 1st XV v Stow
19th Dec	Christmas Pre-Match Lunch
9th Jan	Men 1st XV v Drybrook
9th Jan	Women 1st XV v Barnsley
23rd Jan	Men 2nd XV v Newbold
30th Jan	Women 1st XV v Driffield
6th Feb	Men 2nd XV v Spartans
13th Feb	Men 1st XV v Worcester
13th Feb	Men 2nd XV v Berkswell & Balsall
13th Feb	Pirates Pre Match lunch

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	POS
26th Sep	Stow on Wold (a)	34-26	2nd
3rd Oct	Dudley K (h)	26-33	4th
10th Oct	Silhillians (a)	15-7	1st
17th Oct			6th
24th Oct	Hereford (h)	24-12	5th
31st Oct	Worcester (a)	26-27	5th
7th Nov			
14th Nov	Ludlow (a)	27-14	3rd
21st Nov	Luctonians II (h)		
28th Nov	Malvern (a)		
5th Dec	Shipston (h)		
12th Dec	Drybrook (a)		
19th Dec	Stow on Wold (h)		
26th Dec			
2nd Jan			
9th Jan	Drybrook (h)		
16th Jan	Dudley K (a)		
23rd Jan			
30th Jan			
6th Feb	Hereford (a)		
13th Feb	Worcester (h)		
20th Feb	Ludlow (h)		
27th Feb			
6th Mar	Luctonians II (a)		
13th Mar	Malvern (h)		
20th Mar			
27th Mar			
3rd April	Shipston (a)		
10th April	Silhillians (h)		

P6, W4, L2, D0, 152 pts for, 119 pts agst

KENILWORTH V LUCTONIANS II'S
SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2026

KENILWORTH: WLWWLW
LUCTONIANS: WWLWWL

KENILWORTH TEAM

1	Ted Bromwich (C)
2	Finn Nicholas
3	Sam Wright
4	Angelo Howarth
5	Ed Sharpe
6	Fin Gibson
7	Max Brain
8	Lewis Hall
9	Danny Green
10	Sam Herniman
11	Finn Yallop
12	Finn Barnacle
13	Tommy Hunter
14	Sam Williams
15	Charlie Wollaston
16	Luke Bagnall
17	Conor Doyle
18	Sandeep Dhaliwal

REFEREE Jamie Hanson, Warwickshire Society

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.