



Action from Feb 2022

WELCOME TO LUDLOW RFC

It is with pleasure that we welcome all those associated with Ludlow RFC to Glasshouse Lane for this Regional 2 Mids West league fixture. Prior to this season we last played together in the 21/22 season, at this level, Kenilworth winning both games and finishing second in the league to gain promotion to level 5, Regional 1 Midlands. Ludlow have remained at level 6, last season finishing 5th with 12 wins, 9 losses and a draw. Over the recent past Kenilworth have won 4 of the seven games played and lost 3, the average score being 18-16 so a close game can be anticipated today.

This season Ludlow are currently lying in 4th spot on 49 points from 10 wins and 7 losses, scoring 344 pts with 323 against. They have accrued 7 try bonus points and 2 losing bonus points. Last week they defeated Shipston, 36-22. Our game at Ludlow in November ended in a 26-19 win for Ludlow. As has been our norm we gave Ludlow a 26-0 lead at half time before coming back strong in the second half with tries from Ted Bromwich, Charlie Morris and Hector Smith but the last ten minutes brought no further score and only a losing bonus point- a familiar story this season.

The Ludlow 1st XV coach is Tom Tench who joined for the 2024/25 season having spent 16 years in elite rugby at Worcester Warriors.

PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE - SHOUT OUT TO OUR WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' SECTIONS

On Sunday 22nd February we were visited by the Mayor and Mayoress of Kenilworth, James Kennedy and his wife Kit. I'd first met them back in September 2024 for the Centenary Walk and the corresponding men's match against Silhillians. I thought it would be beneficial to invite them again, this year, to witness and ask questions about our women's and girls' section. For those of you that

don't know we have an under 12 girls' squad, an under 18's girls' squad and two senior women's teams.

The Mayor and Mayoress were a delight to have around and they didn't get time to be bored even though they spent the whole day accompanied by me and Founts! They were able to observe coaching sessions for the under 12's run by the excellent Swanny and her team of coaches. They watched the first half of the under 18's playing and eventually beating Chinnor under 18's, followed by the women's first team beating Lichfield Ladies by 52 points to 20. Phil Rawbone had an outstanding game, and she and I, amongst others, were especially pleased with the result. Enjoyment was the mainstay of the day.

The Mayor and Mayoress were able to mingle and chat with the players, referees and coaches, and we were able to take photographs. James stayed on afterwards to drink a convivial pint and chat some more about all things Kenilworth Rugby. This included our ground move, our thanks for grants, our role in the community and how we are improving youngsters' and adults' lives just by reaching out and playing all different forms of rugby. It really did help us all that the sun shone and everyone had a bounce in their step because, mercifully, it wasn't raining. The girls and women's sections are thriving countrywide and at our club, and that can only be good for the game. Spread the word!

Incidentally, I will repeat again, that I do hope that the powers that be at the RFU don't forget how important clubs like ours are at grassroots level in the community game. The significance of the rugby club as a hub for the community and its importance to everyone cannot be underestimated. The Mayor and Mayoress were I hope suitably impressed by our dedication to the cause and indeed showing them, our club is 'more than the game.'

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



TODAY'S LUNCH

Today is the annual event when our long-term sponsors, and Architects for our new ground, AJA Architects, invite their clients and staff for a pre match lunch and we trust you will all enjoy the hospitality on offer. AJA have been providing architectural and development consultancy services from their offices in Coventry since 1979 and have had a long association with our rugby club through (the late) Alan Johnson and Mike Blakeman, Mike, now retired from the practice, is the Project Co-Ordinator for our new ground. The club thanks AJA for their association with us in the past and we look forward to working with them in the future to successfully conclude our ground move.

WARWICKSHIRE CUP

We now know our opponents in the Warwickshire Cup Final and it is our old friends Broadstreet who were given a walkover in their semi final with Nuneaton. There is no date and venue as yet. This will be the 6th time we have met Broadstreet in the final and, dare I say it again, we are yet to win it. This will be our 10th attempt. A win here and survival in the league would be a very nice end to the season!



Mayor & Mayoress with U18's Girls' Coaches

REGIONAL 2 MIDLANDS WEST

Moseley Oak are well in control at the top of the league and are very close to being crowned champions. They currently lead Stow by 15 points with only 5 games to play. Luctonians II's are in third, 1 point behind Stow. Our visitors today lie in 4th with 49 points.

At the foot it is very tight for the bottom six with 10 points covering 6th to 11th. We are in 10th spot, 5 ahead of Stratford and with a game in hand. We are 5 points adrift of 6th placed Shipston. The 2nd & 3rd bottom placed teams will play off to stay in the division and currently, if the league finished now, we would be at home to Stratford in the play off on 25th April (to be confirmed). A few more wins for us could see us catch the teams above and avoid the play off.

Our remaining games are; 14th March: Edwardians (h), 21st March: Moseley Oak (a), 28th March: Malvern (h),

11th April: Luctonians II (a).

JUNIOR & COLTS CUPS

U14's: The U14's had a big win (47-12) away at Old Wheatleyans in their 1/4r final and now play Sutton Coldfield in the semi final at home on the 22nd March. The other semi final is between Barkers Butts and Stratford.

U15's: The U15's unfortunately lost their 1/4r final with Stratford and exited the competition.

U16's: The U16's defeated Sutton Coldfield 48-5 in their 1/4 r final.

Our Colts played their first round Warwickshire Colts Cup tie away at Barkers last weekend and, rather disappointingly, lost 7-26. Our sole try scorer was Charlie Rugg.



Under 14's action

NEXT FEW WEEKS

The much delayed home game v Edwardians is being played next weekend, 14th March. We are then away on the 21st March at league leaders Moseley Oak who play at Moseley Rugby Club, Yardley Wood Rd, Billesley, B13 0HN. We are then back at home on the 28th March against Malvern.



Finn Barnacle

LAST FEW WEEKS

The Men had a decent (and welcome) bonus point win, 26-22 against Shipston, in our last home game with tries for Tom Hunter, Joe Wilson (2) and Fin Barnacle. We took the lead early on in atrocious conditions but then went behind. We then got the upper hand and held on for a deserved win, and 5 points. Our next game was at Silhillians and we travelled there, with a big support, in good spirits. However, it was not to be and a pre-game injury to Joe Wilson disrupted the side that took the field, Robbie Holden getting a late call up along with colt's captain Will Shelton. Despite losing an early try we started really well and were camped in the Silhillians 22 for a lot of the first half, but only scoring one try (Bobby Thompson) and, unfortunately conceding another two. There was further disruption with injuries to Sam Southall, Tom Davenport and Joe Stockbridge in the first half committing all three subs to the field. An early yellow card in the second half did not help and Silhillians ran in 3 unanswered tries to take the score to 7-38 and we were looking down and out. As in the past this seemed to bring out the best in us and we rallied with 3 tries (Max Brain, Tommy Hunter and Finn Nicholas) of our own to finish with only a (very disappointing) losing bonus point. Last week at bottom club Old Halesonians was much, much better and we ran in 6 tries to win 40-22. It was a close first half and whilst we kept scoring, so did Old Halesonians and we finished the half 21-22 down. It was a different second half though and we dominated throughout. Our try scorers were Bobby Thompson, Finn Barnacle, Tommy Hunter (2), Max Brain and Sam Peppitt. Full back Mark O'Connor did well with five out of 6 conversions (and missing the easiest one!).

Our Women suffered a big defeat (26-60) at top of the league Cheltenham but bounced back really well with a 52-20 win over 4th placed Lichfield. They now lie in 6th spot in the league with 7 wins and 8 losses in their 15 games. The top try scorer is Tamzin Pinches (with 14) and top kicker is Jorja Jones. Jorja has scored 32 conversions and 2 penalties, the conversions (32) being 70% of the total tries scored. The Women's 2nd XV had to concede their game at Silhillians (but they won the friendly played with 9 players). Last week they had a big, 60-17, win over Oadby Wyggestonians and now lie back in top spot, 1 point ahead of Old Northamptonians, but having played one game more. Their 5-point deduction for not playing at Silhillians may prove costly. Tomorrow the 2nd XV play Old Northamptonians at home in what will be the title decider.

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

8th Mar	Women II v Old Northamptonians, 2pm
14th Mar	1st XV v Edwardians, 2.15pm
15th Mar	Women 1 v Bury St Edmonds, 2pm
20-22nd Mar	Pirates Tour to Bournemouth
21st Mar	2nd XV v Daventry, 2.15pm
21st Mar	Women I v Buckingham Swans, 2pm
22nd Mar	U14's v Sutton Coldfield, Cup ½, 11am
28th Mar	1st XV v Malvern, 2.15pm
28th Mar	Former Players & President's Lunch
4th April	Colts v Barkers Butts, 2.15pm
11th April	2nd XV v Spartans, 2.15pm
18th April	2nd XV v Old Laurentian, 2.15pm
26th April	Women II v Rugby Lionesses, 2pm
24-26th April	Kenilworth (Castle) Sevens – see web site
1-3rd May	KENFEST

TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NOS

- 1** KENFEST opens on the 1st May – great music, food, prosecco and beer!

- 4** Number of league games left after today to avoid that relegation play off

- 28** Last Former Players Lunch in March, v Malvern – always a good day

- 32** Number of conversions for Jorja, 70% of the total tries scored.

- 40** Welcome points at Old Halesonians but more wins still needed

- 53** Bobby Thompson has now scored 151 tries in 286 games (53%!)

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)	29-54	10 th
6/12/25	Malvern (a)	19-31	10 th
13/12/25	Stow on the Wold (h)	15-19	10 th
20/12/25	Stratford (a)	29-15	10 th
27/12/25			
30/12/26			
10/01/26	Edwardians (h)	P	
17/01/26	Hereford (a)	14-20	10 th
24/01/26	Sutton Coldfield (a)	33-24	WAR CUP
31/01/26	Shipston (h)	26-22	10 th
7/02/26	Edwardians (h)	P	
14/02/26	Silhillians (a)	22-38	10 th
21/02/26			
28/02/26	Old Halesonians (a)	40-22	10 th
7/03/26	Ludlow (h)		
14/03/26	Edwardians (h)		
21/03/26	MoseleyOak (a)		
28/03/26	Malvern (h)		
4/04/26			
11/04/26	Luctonians II's (a)		

P18, W6, L11, D1, 430 pts for, 492 pts agst

KENILWORTH V LUDLOW

SAT 7TH MARCH 2026

KENILWORTH: WLWLWL
SHIPSTON: WWWLLL

KENILWORTH TEAM

1	Ted Bromwich (C)
2	Finn Nicholas
3	Luke Bagnall
4	Chris Valentini
5	Angelo Howarth
6	Max Brain
7	Joe England
8	Bobby Thompson
9	Gareth Renowden
10	Finn Barnacle
11	Hector Smith
12	Sam Peppitt
13	Tommy Hunter
14	Harry Kaufman
15	Mark O'Connor
16	Charlie Morris
17	Dylan Hunter
18	Sam Southall

REFEREE Philip Monaghan



Tommy Hunter try at Old Halesonians