



Welcome to Old Laurentian

Today we welcome our old friends from Rugby, Old Laurentian, for our final game of the season. It seems a very long time ago when we travelled to Rugby for our first league game under the stewardship of Dave Ellis and those that went were a wee bit concerned with the number of non availabilities we had, due to injuries and holidays. We need not have worried as we ran out 34-16 winners with tries from Sam Williams, Gaz Renowden (2), Harry Abell & Josh Emery. Old Laurentian then lost their next game, away at Kidderminster, but then embarked on a very impressive run of sixteen consecutive wins (including a win over Kidderminster) to climb to second spot in the league only to come up against a vastly improved Barkers Butts a few weeks ago and a surprise 15-61 loss. This result meant they lost the points advantage gained by their (and indeed our) win over Kidderminster. They have returned to winning ways with wins over Earlsdon and Evesham in the last two weeks and they are now in second spot on the same points total as Kidderminster and with a Play Off spot still available. As Kidderminster are playing Old Coventrians Old Laurentian will need to match the Kidderminster result today (ie a bonus point win in all probability) to keep the

play off spot. They have scored a total of 623 points, conceding 430 and have gained 13 try bonus points.

This will be our third meeting this season as we played each other on a cold Wednesday December night in the Warwickshire Shield with Kenilworth winning 34-17. In the Intermediate Cup Old Laurentian reached the semi final stage of the Midlands section losing out to Kidderminster in a close match.

Old Laurentian are coached by Andrew Milner, assisted by Ian Wallis.

TODAYS LUNCH



Today we are holding an end of season charity pre-match lunch organised by PAG Jones.

It is in aid of Tenovus Cancer Care - a cancer charity that supports cancer patients and their families, funds cancer research and works to raise awareness of how to prevent cancer. PAG introduced them to the club last year when they attended our St David's Day Dinner, complete with their choir! We welcome them back to the club. There will be some fund raising at the lunch and the proceeds of the gate today will be given to the Charity.



CONGRATULATIONS TO KENILWORTH RFC – CHAMPIONS MIDLANDS 2 west south, 2018/19 SEASON

SEASON STATS TO DATE					
Team	Top kicker	Top try scorer	Total points	stats	
1st XV	Ed Hannam (28c, 5p) 71 (58%)	Ed Hannam, Gaz Renowden (20)	Ed Hannam, 171	p27, w26, l1	
COLTS	Dan Sibley (9c, 1p): 21	Henry Woods (11)	Henry Woods, 61	p18, w11, l6, d1	
2nd XV	Neil Sutherland (15c, 3p): 39	Neil Sutherland (13)	Neil Sutherland, 104	p10, w9, l1	
LADIES	Becki Lewis (24c): 48	Sophie Henry (10)	Becki Lewis, 58	p16, w4, l11, d1	

Weekly stats are posted on the notice board with monthly stats on the web site.

WARWICKSHIRE U16's CUP

Our U16's had a truly superb 68-5 win over Barker Butts in the Warwickshire U16 cup final played at Barkers last Sunday. This matches the U15 cup win they had last season and this squad now progress to our Colts set up for next season. They scored some very impressive tries with scrum half Sam Peppitt converting all but one of them. The game erupted into a mass brawl towards the end of the first half and in the end Barkers had two red cards shown to our two yellow. The general consensus was that we would still have won well, even if Barkers had retained fifteen players.

WARWICKSHIRE SHIELD

The final of the Warwickshire Shield has been set for Wednesday 24th April at Old Leamingtonians with a 7.30 kick off.

BARBARIANS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Our Barbarians are hoping to play their first game of the season on Easter Sunday, 21st April, against Princethorpe Old Boys.

CLUB DINNER

The Club Dinner has been set for Friday 10th May and here is hoping we have a few trophies to parade, three of which (League, Midlands Int Cup & 2nd XV Shield) are already in the bag.



Jake Byrne

MIDLANDS 2 West (South)

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Kenilworth	21	20	0	1	722	251	99
Old Laurentians	21	18	0	3	623	430	85
Kidderminster	21	17	0	4	729	336	85
Nuneaton Old Edwardians	21	11	0	10	470	459	58
Earlsdon	21	11	0	10	435	378	56
Barkers Butts	21	11	0	10	601	446	55
Silhillians	21	10	0	11	492	443	53
Southam	21	7	0	14	288	535	33
Leamington	21	5	0	16	386	543	33
Evesham	21	6	0	15	314	563	29
Old Coventrians	21	5	0	16	357	639	25
Rugby St Andrews	21	5	0	16	305	699	24

Please note that you can now access the results and league tables for our First XV, Colts, 2nd XV and Ladies from the home page of the web site.

MIDLANDS 2 West (South)

Since the re-organisation of the league system from the 09/10 season the highest points total achieved in Midlands 2 west south was the 103 points gained by the very good Droitwich side last season. We currently have 99 and therefore a bonus point win today could exceed this total by one. No pressure boys! We have also won all of our home league games so it would be nice to do a season unbeaten at home in the league and put us in fine fettle for next week.

With the league secured it is the play off spot which is up for grabs today with Old Laurentian probably needing to match the Kidderminster result v Old Coventrians to keep second place and a home play off against either Wolverhampton or Tamworth. Ludlow have won Mids 2 west north and will join us in Midlands 1 west next season.

At the foot the big game today is Evesham v Rugby St Andrews but even a bonus point win for Rugby St Andrews may not be enough to save them dropping out with Old Coventrians.

In Midlands Premier, level 5, it is now very tight at the top with Scunthorpe leading Luctonians by two points with one game left. Derby are relegated and, assuming only two, the other relegation spot is between Syston and Lichfield.

In Midlands west 1 (our league next season) Bromsgrove are champions and either Dudley K or



Neil Sutherland & Gaz Renowden

Newbold will go into the play off with Paviers. Our old friends at Kettering are champions of Mids 1 east and move into Midlands Premier. Malvern are dropping out of this league after one season along with Moseley Oak.

In the local feeder league to Mids 2 west south Pinley are champions and Shipston are in the play off spot.

DAVE ELLIS DINNER

Our Coach, Dave Ellis is the guest speaker at a Dinner we are holding on Friday 7th June, at the club. If you wish to attend this then please contact Peter Blakeman on chairman@kenilworthrugby.co.uk

SPURGEON CUP

Our annual Golf Day, known as the Spurgeon Cup, has recently been resurrected by Adrian Marsh and Alistair Smith. This year's competition, the 70th Anniversary, will be held at Kenilworth Golf Club on Friday 14th June and full details can be seen on the Events page of the web site. It is being sponsored by Andrew Whiting Wealth Consultancy and Premier Student Halls. To register interest and either book a team of four, a pair or an individual please contact either Alistair Smith or Adrian Marsh. Alternatively email: spurgeoncup@gmail.com

THIS WEEKS OTHER FIXTURES

Barkers Butts	v	Southam
Earlsdon	v	Silhillians
Evesham	v	Rugby St Andrews
Kidderminster	v	Old Coventrians
Leamington	v	Nuneaton Old Edwardians



David Opuko Forjour,
outstanding U16 centre

The Teams for 13th April 2019

Game sponsors are Tenovus Charity

Kenilworth

LAST 10 LEAGUE GAMES: WWWWWWLWWW
Blue with Yellow Flashes

1.....	David Bromfield	1.....	
2.....	Fin Gibson	2.....	
3.....	Jake Byrne	3.....	
4.....	Tondirayi Mpambawashe	4.....	
5.....	Nick Gerber	5.....	
6.....	Sam Harrison	6.....	
7.....	Raj Bahey	7.....	
8.....	Josh Fox	8.....	
9.....	Gareth Renowden (Capt.)	9.....	
10.....	Neil Sutherland	10.....	
11.....	Ollie Burman	11.....	
12.....	Ed Hannam	12.....	
13.....	Josh O'Brien	13.....	
14.....	Josh Emery	14.....	
15.....	Garrett Bell	15.....	
16.....	Harry Abell	16.....	
17.....	Bobby Thompson	17.....	
18.....	Alex Selby	18.....	

Today's referee:
Harvey Knight
Warwickshire Society

Old Laurentian

LAST 10 LEAGUE GAMES: WWWWWWLWWW
Maroon, Green & Gold Hoops, Green Shorts

TEAM NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS

Player Sponsors

Player	Sponsor	Player	Sponsor
Edward Hannam	Rapport Design	Nick Gerber	Mrs Helen Shaw
Bobby Thompson	Hannam's Removals	Gareth Renowden	Mr Adam Turner
Matthew Gibson	FitnessWorx	Harry Abell	Harrison Beale & Owen
Alex Selby	EHB Residential td	Jonny Openshaw	Drohan Builders Ltd
Adam Turner	The Bright Media Agency	Dan Roberts	A.P Tree Surgeons
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RFU INTERMEDIATE CUP

We are the Midlands Intermediate Cup winners by virtue of our 15-10 win over Kidderminster a few weeks back and we now play South Shields Westoe, next week, 20th April for a place in the final at Twickenham.

South Shields Westoe came through the Northern Division with a big 76-14 win over Bowden in their final. They play in Durham/Northumberland Division One where they are currently lying in fifth spot in their 14 team league with eighteen wins from their twenty five games to date scoring 1001 points and conceding 451 and, notably, scoring 20 try bonus points and apparently coming on strong in the last few weeks. Last weekend they had a 34-24 win away at third placed Northern. Admission to the game is £5 and the proceeds are split 60/40 with South Shields Westoe, our 'extra' paying for the buffet being laid on for VIP's.

The other semi final is between the winners of the South West, Matson (currently 3rd of 14 in Tribute Western Counties North) and the winners of the London Division, Old Colfeians (currently 4th of 12 in London SE).

The winners of the two semi finals will play in the final at Twickenham on Sunday 5th May.

NEXT FEW WEEKS

This is our last league game of the season but by no means our season end.

Next weekend, the 20th April we have our Intermediate Cup semi final with South Shields Westoe, at Kenilworth, the winner going to Twickenham. It is my belief this is the biggest game that Kenilworth have ever played and we will never ever have this opportunity again to reach a National Final (matching the Ladies last season) and to play at Twickenham. We are expecting a very big crowd for this semi final and we urge that if you are coming and you can walk then please do so as parking will be at a premium, probably over spilling to the Cowpatch.

The following week, (Wednesday 24th April) we are playing our Warwickshire Shield final with Earlsdon at Old Leamingtonians, kick off 7.30pm.

To conclude this very exciting season we hope we have a trip to Twickenham!

LAST FEW WEEKS

We sealed the league title with our decent 39-19 win over Nuneaton Old Eds and the celebrations went long into the night creating (another) nice big bar take and last week we followed it up by defeating Old

Coventrians 52-18.

On a lovely sunny day, we came out the blocks fast against Nuneaton Old Eds scoring a try very early on courtesy of Gaz Renowden. This was followed by further tries from Tom Clayton and Sam Harrison and this, together with some splendid kicking from Ed Hannam gave us a 22-0 half-time lead. Further tries followed from Ed Hannam, Tom Clayton and Sam Harrison before Nuneaton responded with two late well deserved tries for a final 39-19 score line. The game saw the debuts of Fin Gibson and Neil Sutherland to further boost the first XV squad for the big run in. One downside was the bad injury (ruptured achilles) suffered by Andy McKenzie. Last week against Old Coventrians we played on a narrow sloping pitch but this did not stop us and with nine changes to the previous week we ran in eight tries from Josh O'Brien, Jake Byrne, Bobby Thompson, Garritt Bell, Harry Abell, Charlie Stevens, Nick Gerber and Neil Sutherland. Neil also took on the kicking role and was successful with six conversions

You may have noticed a few people a few weeks back in fancy dress – they were from West Hartlepool and they were a touring side who played our Colts earlier in the day, our boys recording a superb 36-24 win with tries from tries from Tom Singleton (2), Henry Wood (2), Ed Hinchcliffe and Ben Hindson.

Last week our Pirates were on tour, not the normal seaside destination but Royal Tunbridge Wells, going down 41-47.

WHAT'S ON AT KRFC

13th Apr	v Old Laurentian, 3pm FINAL LEAGUE GAME Tenovus Charity Lunch
20th Apr	South Shields Westoe, 3.00pm Intermediate Cup semi-final
21st Apr	Barbarians v Princethorpe Old Boys, 2pm – tbc
24th Apr	Kenilworth v Earlsdon Warwickshire Shield Final, Old Leamingtonians, 7.30pm
10th May	CLUB DINNER
7th Jun	Dave Ellis Dinner, 7 for 7.30pm
14th Jun	Kenilworth Golf Day - Spurgeon Cup
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KENILWORTH RFC 1ST FIXTURES 2018/2019

Date	Opposition	For	Agst.	Pos.
08 09 18	Old Laurentian (a)	34	16	3rd
15 09 18	Rugby St Andrews (h)	62	22	1st
22 09 18				
29 09 18	Silhillians (a)	24	14	1st
06 10 18	Barkers Butts (h)	59	21	1st
13 10 18	Wolverhampton (h)	24	22	Int Cup
20 10 19	Earlsdon (a)	18	19	3rd
27 10 18	Evesham (h)	21	7	2nd
03 11 18	Southam (a)	36	6	2nd
10 11 18	Stafford	39	7	Int Cup
17 11 18	Kidderminster (a)	27	14	1st
24 11 18	Market R. & Louth (h)	HWO		Int Cup
01 12 18	Leamington (h)	20	5	1st
08 12 18	Nuneaton Old Eds (a)	20	12	1st
15 12 18	Old Coventrians (h)	20	5	1st
19 12 18	Old Laurentian (a)	34	17	
	<i>Warwickshire Shield</i>			
05 01 19	Rugby St Andrews (a)	37	13	1st
12 01 19	Silhillians (h)	36	7	1st
19 01 19	Olney (a) Int Cup semi	36	17	
26 01 19	Barkers Butts (a)	31	20	1st
02 02 19	Earlsdon (h) GAME OFF - frozen pitch			
09 02 19	Earlsdon (h)	47	8	1st
16 02 19	Evesham (a)	39	5	1st
24 02 19	Spartans	31	24	
	<i>Warwickshire Shield - semi-final</i>			
02 03 19	Southam (h)	39	6	1st
09 03 19	Kidderminster (h)	26	14	1st
16 03 19	Kidderminster (h)	15	10	
	<i>Intermediate Cup, Final</i>			
23 03 19	Leamington (a)	36	0	
30 03 19	Nuneaton Old Eds (h)	31	19	1st
06 04 19	Old Coventrians (a)	52	18	1st
13 04 19	Old Laurentian (h)			
20 04 19	South Shields Westhoe			
	<i>Int Cup, semi-final, 2.30pm</i>			
28 04 19	Earlsdon			
	<i>Warks Shield Final - venue tbc</i>			
05 05 19	Int Cup Final - Twickenham			
Played: 27, Won: 26, Lost: 1, Drawn: 0, Pts for: 901, Pts agst: 348				

TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS



No 1 in our league and Champions and we all hope the success continues over the remaining games to take us to even greater heights.



Our very own Dave Ellis is speaking at a Dinner at the club in June. This is selling fast so you need to book up ASAP.



Our U16's were truly superb last week in defeating Barkers Butts 68-5 in the U16's cup final – the future is indeed rosy!



You must come down next week for our Intermediate Cup semi final with South Shields Westoe, our biggest game ever



Warwickshire Shield final at Old Leamingtonians, 7.30pm kick off – hopefully revenge for last season's defeat in final.



Ed Hannam has now scored 50 tries in his 114 1st XV games and his kicking is improving game by game.

Peacock's Corner

TO BE OR NOT TO BE: That is the question facing a number of Premiership teams as we hurtle towards the business end of the season. There are battles at the top, middle and bottom of the Premiership and we know that only those with strength and commitment, and a little bit of luck, will achieve.

Last weekend the Cherry and Whites recorded a third Premiership win in a row and inflicted only a second home defeat in all competitions this season on Saints. Gloucester are aspiring to a Premiership semi-final clash.

Northampton hope to steady their league position. They still have to travel to Worcester and Newcastle in the bottom two in their last four games as well as hosting play-off contenders Harlequins and leaders Exeter.

The Chiefs are riding high, they've settled into the play-off positions and are on course for another final. What is clear is they have now usurped Leicester as the muscle side.

Poor old Leicester, their torrid form goes from bad to even worse. The Tigers were roundly battered by the Chiefs, embarrassingly conceding their highest number of points in the Premiership era. And to compound the challenges in the coming weeks, Captain Tom Youngs was sent off and is now unavailable for some crucial games.

Surely we can't be talking relegation at Welford Road? Tigers have suffered their ninth league defeat in 12 matches and their direction of travel is not the way they are used to going in. Unbelievably, a loss in the next round of games could see Tigers slump to the bottom of the table.

I would be interested to know what their view is about relegation and ring fencing the Premiership, especially when they are in such a precarious position. Tiger's clash with Newcastle could well be one of the biggest in their history. One more slip and the unbelievable could be staring them right between their eyes.

The West Country clash in West London last weekend welcomed a crowd of more than 60,000. Bath clinched a bonus-point victory over their local rivals Bristol. However, Bristol edged their way back for what may yet prove a vital losing bonus point that keeps them three points ahead of Leicester.

Up the road at the Ricoh, did anyone seriously think Wasps were in danger of relegation? Umm... possibly, but, just in case any did, a bonus-point win against Warriors should help them sleep more easily now. Dai Young is still not happy, he has said Wasps need another win. A loss last weekend could have put them alongside Tigers, right in the brown stuff.

This season Wasps have hardly set the Ricoh alight, but when faced with a crucial game they pulled it out of the bag and were just too powerful for a Worcester team who have been dragged down into squeaky-bum territory; their worries are far from over. Worcester are now facing a very real predicament, only three points ahead of Newcastle at the bottom.

Premiership rugby's relegation battle is set to go down to the wire, so why are the clubs considering ring-fencing the league? English top-flight rugby has rarely been more competitive than it has been this season, yet talk of ring-fencing the competition continues to be talked about.

The Premiership clubs were due to discuss it further this week. If the proposal to ring-fence the league were accepted we would not be experiencing the fiercest relegation battle for many years.

Money often talks loud and the debate over scrapping relegation and promotion has refused to go away. With vulture capitalists CVC placing huge downpayment of dough on the table of Premiership Club owners and the potential for more, then the voice of money will get even louder.

A number of England's leading clubs are reportedly interested in creating a 13-team league that would see the existing 12 Premiership sides joined by London Irish, who currently lead the RFU Championship and are set for promotion, subject to Ealing Trailfinders having one last fling.

Those 13 teams make up the Premiership Rugby shareholders and any decision to scrap relegation and promotion would have to be unanimously agreed. But while it might make sense commercially, it could be a move that risks jeopardising the excitement of the relegation battle.

So, relegation, is it to be or not to be?

