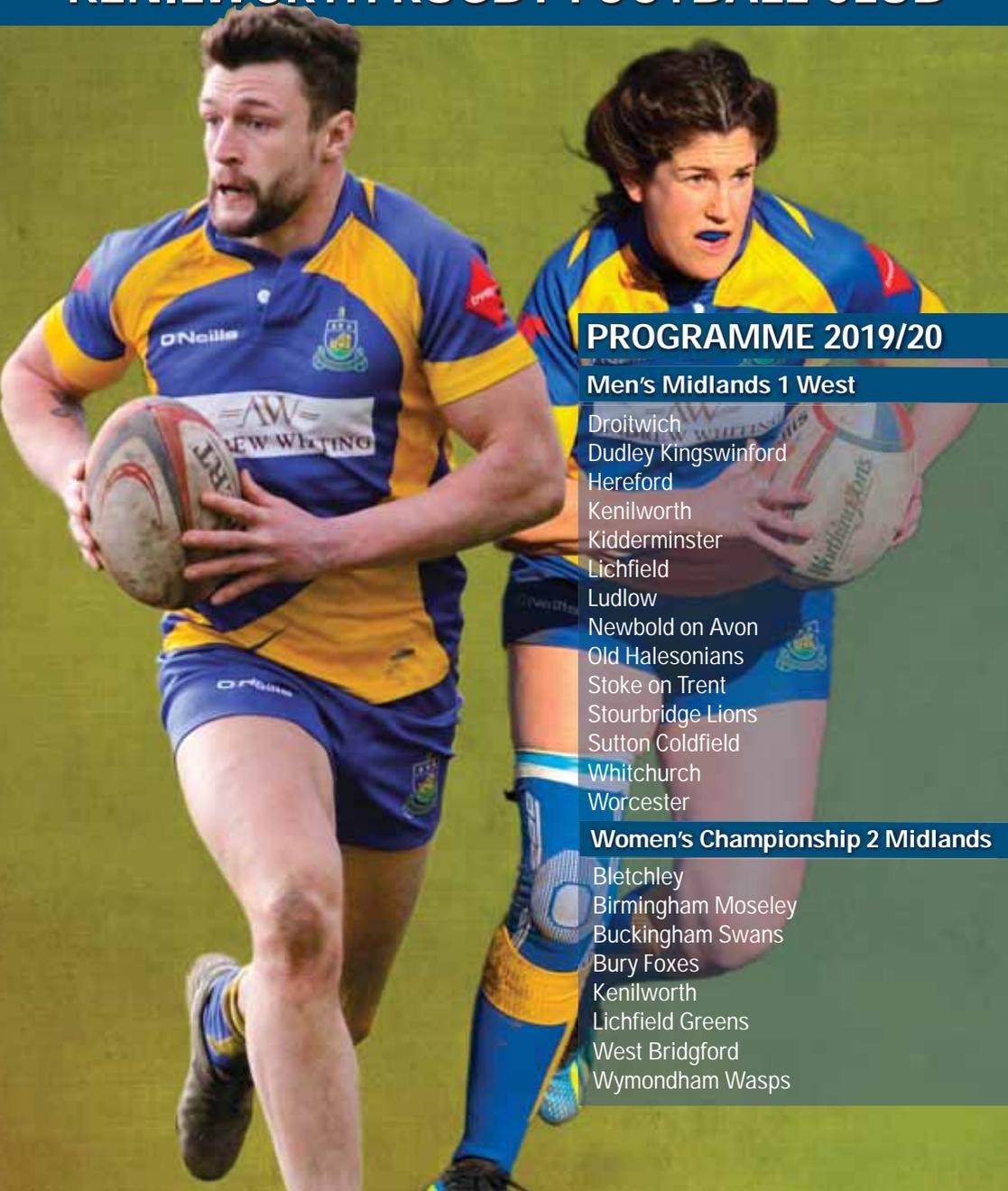




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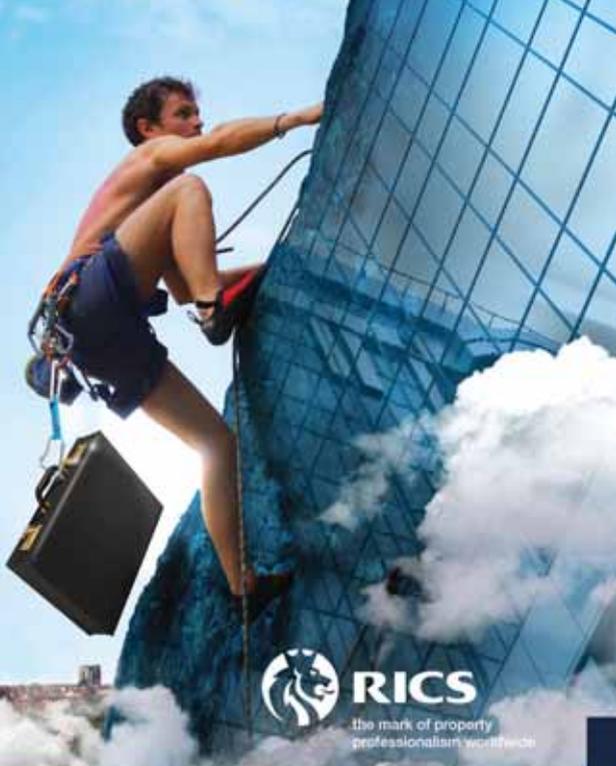
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This season our men are back at Level 6 in Mids 1 West and we look forward to renewing acquaintances with a lot of clubs we have regularly played with in the past, including our old friends from last season, Kidderminster. A new club on our travels will be Stourbridge Lions.

On the coaching front Dave Ellis remains as Head Coach and he will (again) be assisted by Will Maisey & George Oram. The Women are delighted to have a Kenilworth legend as their coach, Rich (RB) Bennett, fresh from success at Lichfield. The Colts will be managed by Peter Cox with John Brain as Head Coach.

The projected move to a new site still frustrates and we are still to conclude the deal on our preferred site and our revised opening has been further put back a year to August 2022.

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Kenilworth Rugby Football Club

A brief history

Kenilworth RFC was founded in 1924 and after a nomadic existence finally moved to the current ground in Glasshouse Lane in 1947. In March 98 the club voted to become a limited company, primarily to relieve the Trustees of an unnecessary burden but also to streamline the running of the club into an efficient professional organization.

The club was always deemed a strong "town" side and early fixtures were against similar "town sides" who now reside in the National Leagues. The 'town' fixture list was apparently taken to the extreme when a fixture was offered against Cardiff 2nds at the Arms Park in return for the hospitality given to them following their visit to Kenilworth after a game at Coventry, but the fixture was turned down, 'we only play town sides!'

In 1993 the club was at level 10, and in decline, and a bold decision was taken to appoint Steve Brain, the ex England International hooker, to restore the club to its former glories. A mission statement was formed "to make Kenilworth RFC the most successful Junior Club in Warwickshire by the year 2000." The subsequent success both on and off the field saw Kenilworth promoted consistently to finally reside in level 5, Midlands 1 Division, which was only one level below National League.

Midlands 1 status (level 5) was retained until 02/03 with relegation back to Midlands 2 (level 6). It took Kenilworth four years to return to Midlands 1, as champions in 06/07, and season 08/09 saw the club's best ever finish in level 5, ending up a very credible fourth. The club finished mid-table in 09/10 but not before a fight against relegation and the poor results continued into season 10/11 ended with relegation from National League 3, Midlands, (level 5) back to Midlands 1 west (level 6). This set back prompted the club to re-think it's structure and aims at how the club was to return to the top level of junior rugby. However, another disappointing season in M1w saw further relegation to level 7, league M2 west south. Almost the same squad then enjoyed a highly successful season in 12/13, suffering only two defeats and resulting in a championship win and a return to level 6. Seasons 13/14, 14/15 and 15/16 were ones of consolidation back in level 6. However, a poor 16/17 season when

the squad suffered a lot of injuries saw us relegated back to Mids 2 west south, level 7 where we remained for two seasons. The arrival of Dave Ellis at the start of the 18/19 season resulted in the most successful season ever with the club winning the league with a record number of points and ending with a victory at Twickenham in the Intermediate Cup. This success prompted many awards both for individuals and the club.

The club owns the lease on 16 acres of land (affectionately known as 'the Cow Patch') on Glasshouse Lane, remote from the first team pitch and clubhouse and where we have four pitches, one with floodlights. It was always the plan to sell the first XV pitch and clubhouse site and move to this location but both sites have now come out of greenbelt and the club is now looking at a potential new site within Kenilworth.

A feature of the club is its strong social side and the club bar has a full-time steward and is open six days of the week in season.

The club has a successful Minis and Juniors Section which has provided a stream of players to our own and other senior sides. All levels are present throughout the minis and juniors section and it has grown dramatically over the past few years. The minis and juniors section achieved the RFU Seal of Approval in 2005 and in Nov 2012 this was extended to the whole club. A lot of hard work has recently been undertaken to combine both sections of the club and this has now been achieved.

A big landmark in the history of Kenilworth took place in the summer of 2015 when a Ladies section was formed. After playing an initial season of non-league rugby they promptly won their league in 16/17 and 17/18, as well as reaching a National Cup final. They now play in level 3 of Women's rugby.



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Rugby Coaching and Administrative Team 19/20



Dave Ellis

Dave Ellis arrived at the start of last season. He has coached (defence) at the highest level with France, Tonga and the All Blacks as well as at club level with Gloucester and London Irish and a number of French sides. Last season he guided us to a league title and an Intermediate Cup win at Twickenham. To quote Gareth Renowden *"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. Pay a player and you get one decent player; pay Dave Ellis and you get a team who win the league with games to spare (and a National Cup)"*.

Rich Bennett coached Lichfield Ladies from 2008 to 2019, spending the first two years as the 2nd Team Head Coach then progressing to Head Coach. The highest place Lichfield finished (in the England Women's Premiership) was 2nd in 2017. In that year he had 7 England Internationals, 3 Scottish internationals and 1 Welsh international in his team, including Emily Scarratt and Mo Hunt. RB has also coached at a regional level with the Midlands.



Rich Allen is a former Kenilworth 1st XV Captain and has been with Kenilworth his entire rugby career, latterly taking an administration role with the Second XV.

Dave Ellis & Jai Purewal



For the first time in a while our Men have a settled coaching set up whilst Kenilworth Legend, Rich 'RB' Bennett has taken over the Women. John Brain & Peter Cox have progressed through with their successful Junior squad and now take over our Colts. Adam Turner has stood down as 1st XV Manager and he is replaced by Rich Allen.

Director of Rugby: Jai Purewal

Head Coach: Dave Ellis

Backs Coach: Will Maisey, former KRFC player and now Coventry RFC fly half

Forwards Coach: George Oram, Coventry RFC second row

Men's 1st XV Captain: Bobby Thompson

Men's 1st XV Manager: Rich Allen

Men's 2nd XV Captain: Raj Bahey

Men's 2nd XV Manager: Andy MacKenzie

Women's Head Coach: Rich Bennett

Assistant Coaches: Tony Timms and Steve Haynes

Women's 1st XV Captain: Becky Hill

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League position M2ws, 1st of 12

RFU Intermediate Cup Winners

Top Points Scorer, Ed Hannam 190 (21t, 32c, 7p)

Top Kicker, Ed Hannam, 85 (32c,7p)

Top Try Scorer, Gaz Renowden (23)

Top Appearances, Gaz Renowden (30)

1st XV Player of the Year, Bobby Thompson

1st XV Players' Player of the Year, Josh Fox

Coaches' Player of the Year, Rhidian Booth

Second XV

Played 10, W9, L1: Pts for 395, Agst 146

Warwickshire League 1, 5th of 10

Warwickshire 2nd XV Shield winners

Top Scorer & Try Scorer & Kicker, Neil Sutherland (13t, 15c, 3p)

2nd XV Player of the Year, Neil Sutherland

Third XV/Pirates

Played 3, W2, L1: Pts for 119, Agst 108

Top Points Scorer, Andy Fox, 14 (2t, 2c)

Top Kicker, Chris Sibley, 6 (3c)

Top Try Scorers, Andy Fox, Luke Brown & James Catlin, 2

3rd XV Player of the Year, Simon Bladon

Colts

Played 20, W12, L7, D1: Pts for 499, Agst 306

League Position, 4th of 7

Top Points Scorer, Henry Woods 75 (13t, 5c)

Top Kicker, Dan Sibley, 21 (9c, 1p)

Top Try Scorer, Henry Woods (13)

Forward of Year: Oz Chanz

Back of Year: Henry Woods

Coach's' Player of Year: Ben Hindson

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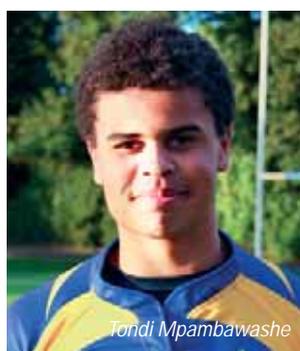
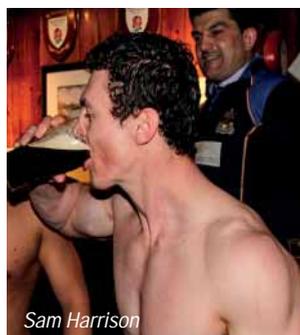
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MEN'S FIRST XV SCORERS & APPEARANCES 2018/19

Player	Games	Tries	Cons	Pens	Points	Ave Pts
Ed Hannam	25	21	32	7	190	7.6
Gaz Renowden	30	23			115	3.8
Josh Emery	19	7	23	8	105	5.5
Bobby Thompson	29	19			95	3.3
Mikkel Andresen	19	12			60	3.2
Harry Abell	28	10	1		52	1.9
Alex Selby	26	3	14	3	52	2.0
Charlie Stevens	25	9			45	1.8
Sam Harrison	22	7			35	1.6
Ollie Burman	21	7			35	1.7
Neil Sutherland	5	2	9	1	31	6.2
Tom Naismith	19	4			20	1.1
Ollie Sharples	11	4			20	1.8
Rhidian Booth	21	3			15	0.7
Josh O'Brien	20	3			15	0.8
Nick Gerber	29	2			10	0.3
Tondi Mpambawashe	27	2			10	0.4
David Bromfield	25	2			10	0.4
Rhys Jones	16	2			10	0.6
Garrett Bell	13	2			10	0.8
Tom Clayton	6	2			10	1.7
Sam Williams	3	2			10	3.3
Josh Fox	19	1			5	0.3
Jack Read	17	1			5	0.3
Ed Rogers	6	1			5	0.8
Jake Byrne	6	1			5	0.8
Jack Rawlins	5	1			5	1.0
Chris Pemble	3	1			5	1.7
Dan Retter	1	1			5	5.0
Bryn Grantham	1		1	1	5	5.0
Dan Roberts	12				0	0.0
Raj Bahey	9				0	0.0
Mark Wylie	8				0	0.0
Fin Gibson	8				0	0.0
Adam Clifford	6				0	0.0
Jonny Openshaw	6				0	0.0
Andy McKenzie	5				0	0.0
Jai Purewal	5				0	0.0
Will Johnson	3				0	0.0
Marcus Andrew	3				0	0.0
Cory Joy	3				0	0.0
Adam Turner	3				0	0.0
Jimmy Middleton	3				0	0.0
Nick Collett	2				0	0.0
Tom Elliott	2				0	0.0
Stewart Freeman	1				0	0.0
Rob Poulter	1				0	0.0



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Kenilworth Pirates Tour to Tunbridge Wells

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The Kenilworth Pirates embarked on their annual tour last season and made their first ever visit to the Garden of England, the county of Kent.

Our base was the attractive town of Royal Tunbridge Wells and our fixture was against the home club's 3rd XV / Veterans. As ever there seemed to be a fair sprinkling of youthful faces in the opposition ranks and after conceding a flurry of long distance tries in the first quarter the somewhat jetlagged Pirates feared the worst.

However this crack team of veteran tourists are nothing if not resilient and once it became clear that The Pirates had the edge in the set piece with Nick Collett and Si Bladon to the fore and their big ball carriers such as Drew Dingley, Paul Fountaine, Dom Carrick and Mark Powell had shaken off the excesses of the previous day/night then the gaps began to open for the backline to show their skills.

The Pirates scored some lovely tries with Pete Roberts, Chris Sibley and Jimmy Middleton scything through the home defence at will, ably marshalled by the wily Napoleon Glyn Owen at Fly Half. Slowly the Pirates clawed back the deficit despite leaking a couple more tries and as they entered the final quarter the gap had narrowed to a couple of scores. After a herculean pushover against the head scored by one of the guest players from Westcombe Park who had been invited by Ian Bowden the Pirates were a converted score behind. Sadly it was not to be as the referee adjudged a floated pass from Pete Roberts to Chris Sibley to be



Jimmy Middleton

forward and called for full time, much to the dignified displeasure of the visiting squad!

The final score was Tunbridge Wells 3rds/Vets XV 48 - Kenilworth Pirates 41

The clubhouse were treated to the guitar playing of Andy Honess and toasts were made to our recently departed Pirates legend Chris Wheatley. The Parrot was awarded to Jimmy Middleton for various misdemeanours and the Prescott Paddle (man of the match) went to Simon "Mako" Bladon who carried more ball than in his previous 40 years of rugby and played the whole match at 61 years of age.



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Round 2 - February 8-9

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France v Italy Sunday 3pm

Round 3 - February 22-23

Italy v Scotland Saturday 2.15pm
Wales v France Saturday 4.45pm
England v Ireland Sunday 3pm

Round 4 - March 7-8

Ireland v Italy Saturday 2.15pm
England v Wales Saturday 4.45pm
Scotland v France Sunday 3pm

Round 5 - March 14

Wales v Scotland Saturday 2.15pm
Italy v England Saturday 4.45pm
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WARWICKSHIRE CUPS

Last year the Warwickshire Cup was "won" by Broadstreet when Newbold decided they did not wish to participate in the final. Broadstreet completed the double by defeating Newbold in the final of the Second XV Cup. Kenilworth competed in the Warwickshire Shield at both first and second XV level. We reached the final of both but lost to Earlsdon 10-12 in the 1st XV Shield but defeated Leamington 22-20 in the 2nd XV Competition.

This season the Warwickshire Cups have retained the same structure as previous seasons with levels 5 & 6 playing for the 'senior' cup and levels 7&8 in the Warwickshire Shield. As we are now in level 6 it is the senior Warwickshire Cup we will be participating in, albeit against very few teams. This split has also been extended to the 2nd XV Warwickshire Cup. The dates are:

Warwickshire Cup (levels 5&6)

Semi-Final - Sunday 1st Sept - Broadstreet v Kenilworth

Final - Sunday 1st Dec - either Sutton Coldfield or Rugby Lions

Warwickshire 2nd XV Cup (levels 5&6)

Preliminary round - Sunday 8th Sept - Broadstreet v Sutton Coldfield

Semi-Final rounds - to be played on Sunday 22nd Sept

Final round - to be played on Sunday 10th Nov

National U18's Cup (Colts)

Round 1 - Oct 19/20 **Round 4** - Feb 8/9

Round 2 - Nov 16/17 **Round 5** - Mar 14/15

Round 3 - Jan 18/19 **Semi-Final** - Apr 28/29

Final - May 2/3



Raj Bahey: 2nd XV Captain



Kenilworth RFC Golf Day

Colin Charvil scooped the 70th anniversary Spurgeon Cup while Tony Philpot, Paul Phillips, Andrew Clarke and Jacob Foster sneaked the inaugural Wheatley Trophy on countback from Bruce Nichol, John Loveridge, Dean Loveridge and Andy Pladdys.

The annual golfing awards were presented by Mick 'Beaky' Wheatley at Kenilworth Golf Club. He said: "Congratulations to all the winners. Chris and I first competed in the Spurgeon Cup in 1972 and the closest I got to winning it was 1991. It's still a great Rugby Club competition and establishing the Wheatley Trophy for teams is a fitting tribute to Chris."

Charvil harvested 41 points as twenty-four Rugby Club golfers waded through challenging weather conditions which were not ideal for sparkling golf. Charvil's course management and deft touches saw him five points clear of the field by the close. He was the stand-out player on the day.

But the Wheatley Trophy, the team competition, was a nail-biting affair. Stephenson, Marsh, Lindsay and Pratt kept focus but entered the trees too often. Westrope, Carrick, Bromwich and Riley, despite their elegance, missed some fairways and fell away at the end. Charvil's teammates, Pittaway, Moore and Lake were a tight tidy team but their overall short game was off the pace. Barry Langford's band of brothers were just

too slow and suffered from inconsistency.

The inaugural Wheatley Trophy team competition was settled with a superior back nine, Paul Phillips won nearest the pin (the only player to hit the green), and Harry Pratt's monster drive of 327 yards on 15 was well ahead of his nearest rival, Matt Wilds 243 yards whack. Dean Stephenson was awarded a special prize because when a wheel fell off his trolley.

Sponsors for the day were Premier Student Halls and Andrew Whiting Wealth Management.

Next year the Kenilworth Golf Day (Spurgeon Cup & Wheatley Trophy) will be held on Friday 5 June 2020 @ Kenilworth Golf Club. It is open to all members of Kenilworth Golf Club, and guests.

Adrian Marsh



Individual Winner, Colin Charvill (centre)



Team Winners: Jacob Foster, Paul Foster & Andy Clarke



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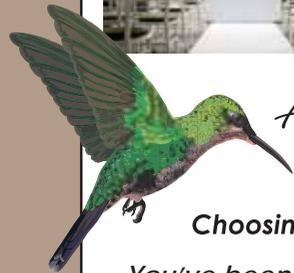
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Kenilworth Women Celebrate Fifth Season



The Women are celebrating their fifth season together

Having started as a non-league team in 2015, our Women's team will enter their fifth season together this year. Although the last four years have not been without their challenges, the section will maintain their place in the Championship Two Midlands league for 2019/20 and are continuing to build their development side and girls section.

It's been a fantastic time, both for the Women and the club, and the team would like to thank everyone who's helped them succeed and grow over the last four years.

Second year in Championship Two

After winning promotion in the 2017/18 season, the Women faced a whole new challenge as they entered the third tier. With strong teams such as Lichfield Greens and Buckingham Swans, performing well in Championship Two meant the Women needed to increase their physicality and tactical knowledge.

Despite some serious injuries at the beginning of the year and some mid-season alterations to the coaching setup, the Women managed to hold off local rivals Old Leamingtonians, securing victories in both matches. The Women also gained a 33-27 victory against sixth placed Wyomondham Wasps at the beginning of the season, setting off a series of solid results, including a 7-17 loss against table-toppers

Buckingham Swans and a tense 19-19 draw with a strong Birmingham Moseley side.

Finishing the season just one point behind sixth place in the table, the Women were pleased to establish themselves with some good results across the year and are looking forward to what the new season will bring in this highly competitive league.

New coaching team

With the many thanks of the team, Tim Burden stepped down from the Head Coach role in January. This led to a combined coaching effort of Steve Haynes, Tony Timms and Dave Ellis stepping forward to guide the Women through the second half of the season, a help which was very gratefully received.

Looking to advance on the successes of last season, the Women are pleased to announce that their new Head Coach will be Richard "RB" Bennett. Having guided Lichfield Ladies through the Premiership, RB is also returning to his home club after previously coaching our men's section. Welcome back RB, we can't wait to start working with you in pre-season.

Growing the squad

As well as continuing to grow our Development side, the Women marked a major step forward in the section with the establishment of a girls' training side. Working with some of the Women on Wednesday

2018/19 Championship 2 League Results

Opposition	Home (f-a)	Scorers	Away (f-a)	Scorers
West Bridgford	17-24	Woodward, Henry	22-34	Spence, Howles, Henry, Glover
Bletchley	19-33	Howles, Woodward, Davie	21-52	Hill, Allison-Moore, Rendall
Lichfield Ladies II	20-50	Howles, Lewis, Straver, Glover	27-43	Hill, Foster, Henry, Rendall
Buckingham Swans	10-22	Howles, Baldwin	7-17	Woodward
Old Leamingtonians	38-12	Hill, Baldwin, Woodward, Henry	36-5	Howles, Henry, Glover
Birmingham Moseley	19-19	Howles, Lewis	17-36	Foster, Henry, Rendall
Wyomondham Wasps	33-27	Spence, Henry, Rendall, Brown	17-20	Spence, Howles

nights, the U13s, U15s and U18s that came were put through their paces learning the ropes of the game.

Many thanks to Siobhan Allison-Moore for her help with coaching the girls this season. Now on the hunt for a new set of coaches to guide a larger group of girls to a competitive level, the Women hope to continue the success of the Development side, with further growth, breadth and depth in the section.

Looking forward

It's been a fantastic journey over the last four years, with the section continually gaining momentum and developing its strength and skills across the League, Development and now Girls teams.

Kenilworth Women would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the continued sponsors and supporters of the section. We hope you will continue to show your fantastic support in what promises to be a very exciting fifth birthday year.

Women's 1st XV, 18/19 Season

Played 16, Won 4, Lost 11, Drawn 1

Points for 355, Points agst 465

Forward of the Year -	Sarah-Katy Davies
Back of the Year -	Felicity Baldwin
Most Improved -	Holly Glover
Coaches' Player -	Rebecca Hill
Players' Player -	Sarah-Katy Davies
Chairwoman's Award -	Sarah-Katy Davies



Aisling Straver after the draw against Birmingham Moseley



Rebecca Lewis is one of this season's top point scorers

Kenilworth Colts 2018/19



Colts Squad 18/19 season

The Colts squad of 30 players was strong with most of the players returning from the 2017/18 season. Expectations were high for a successful season with 20 fixtures and cup matches organised, and a few friendlies.

The squad benefitted enormously from training on Tuesday nights alongside the 1st team coaching team of David Ellis, Will Maisey and George Oram. The benefits were clear to everyone with the team seeing notable victories against Broadstreet, Old Leamingtonians and Lutterworth.



Colts who have come through from the U6's!

Unfortunately the squad suffered a high list of injuries with up to ten players sidelined at crucial times of the season. The squad however continued to show fantastic team spirit and determination with the season ending on a high with a terrific win against Nuneaton on the main club pitch

The end of season Presentation Dinner was attended by 80 people and the awards were:

- Forward of the year:** OZ CHANT
- Back of the year:** HENRY WOODS
- Players' player:** ED HINCHCLIFFE
- Player of the year:** BEN HINDSON

The colts season was once again exciting, eventful and continued to show what Colts rugby at Kenilworth is all about. A lot of players are now moving up to senior rugby which is exciting for all concerned.

Thanks to Coaches Danny Rawlins, Chris Sibley and Lyndon Sinnet and all the best for the next season to all the new players joining Kenilworth Colts. The U16's squad from last season now join in with the Junior Colts from last season. Coaching and management has been taken over by Peter Cox and John Brain.



Dan Sibley



Jonathan Brown & Danny Rawlins.
Colts Management 18/19



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KRFC FIXTURE LIST 2019/20

	1st XV	2nd XV	Colts	Women (Sunday, 2pm)
1st Sept	Broadstreet (a) - War Cup			
7th Sept	Stourbridge Lions (h)	Old Laurentian (a)	Banbury (a) (Sunday)	West Bridgford (h)
14th Sept	Sutton Coldfield (a)	War 2nd XV cup	Nuneaton (h)	Bletchley (a)
21st Sept	Whitchurch (h)	Earlsdon (a)	Old Leamingtonians (a)	
28th Sept	Droitwich (a)	Spartans (h)	Barkers Butts (h)	
5th Oct	Dudley Kingswinford (h)	Old Silhillians (a)	Lichfield Green (h)	
12th Oct	Hereford (a)	Leamington (h)	Newbold (a)	Buckingham Swans (h)
19th Oct	Worcester Wanderers (h)	Southam (a)		
26th Oct	Kidderminster (h)			
2nd Nov				Bury Foxes (a)
9th Nov	Lichfield (a)	War 2nd XV Cup final		
16th Nov	Ludlow (h)	Spartans (a)	Birmingham Moseley (h)	
23rd Nov	Newbold (a)	Berkswell & Balsall (a)		Wyndham Wasps (a)
30th Nov	War Cup Final (Sunday)	Barkers Butts (h)		
7th Dec	Old Halesonians (h)	Earlsdon (h)	Bletchley (h)	
14th Dec	Stoke on Trent (a)			
21st Dec	Sutton Coldfield (h)	Shipston (a)		
28th Dec				
4th Jan	Whitchurch (a)	Leamington (a)		Lichfield Green (a)
11th Jan	Droitwich (h)	Old Silhillians (h)	Buckingham Swans (a)	
18th Jan	Dudley Kingswinford (a)	Barkers Butts (a)		
25th Jan	Earlsdon (h)			
1st Feb	Hereford (h)	Bury Foxes (h)		
8th Feb	Worcester Wanderers (a)	Old Laurentian (h)		
15th Feb	Kidderminster (a)			
22nd Feb	Shipston (h)		Birmingham Moseley (a)	
29th Feb	Lichfield (h)	Leamington (a)	Wyndham Wasps (h)	
7th Mar	Ludlow (a)	Stratford (h)		
14th Mar				West Bridgford (a)
21st Mar	Newbold (h)			
28th Mar	Old Halesonians (a)			
4th Apr	Stoke on Trent (h)			
11th Apr				
18th Apr	Stourbridge Lions (a)	Southam (h)		

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KENILWORTH RFC U16 LIFT WARWICKSHIRE CUP

Kenilworth RFC's outstanding list of achievements this season continued with the U16 side emphatically winning the Warwickshire Junior Cup against local rivals Barkers Butts RFC 59 – 5, following last year's victory at U15 against Silhillians.

The team's route to the final saw victories against Rugby St Andrews and Barkers Butts in the Group stage before victories against Sutton Coldfield in the quarter finals and Silhillians in the semi-final without conceding a point.

The final was played before a large crowd with both teams well supported. The opening ten minutes saw both teams probing and testing the opposition defence with Kenilworth losing Dylan Hunter early in the game. Kenilworth's pressure resulted in David Opoku-Fordjour finishing off a flowing backs move to score the opening try in the corner, with Sam Peppitt kicking the extras. The opening try settled the Kenilworth boys and the pressure on Barkers defence intensified resulting in a second try scored by forward, Max Brain, again Peppitt added the extras. Kenilworth, growing in confidence, quickly added a third try, this time prop Asher Opoku-Fordjour crossing to score with Peppitt adding the extras. Barkers to their credit came back at Kenilworth and a couple of penalties saw them win a five metres lineout leading to a rolling maul and a score in the corner, conversion missed. The game was then marred by a brawl that saw two Barkers players red carded and two Kenilworth players yellow

carded and Harry Weaver off with concussion. The first half finished 21-5. Kenilworth dominated the second half playing against thirteen and tries were run in by Josh Glover in the corner, conversion missed then Ardal Yallop with Peppitt adding the extras. Alex Bradbury finished a flowing backs move to score with Peppitt adding the extras before, Max Brain and David Opoku-Fordjour both scored their second tries of the match with Peppitt adding the extras for both before Captain Alfie Armstrong rounded off the match by scoring the final unconverted try. An emphatic win and a great way for the boys to finish junior rugby as they transition to Colts next year.

U13's ON TOUR

The U13's went on tour to Cardiff on the first weekend of April. A group of 20 boys and parents travelled by coach to the Welsh capital and played two matches.

The first match was against a tough side called Whitehead Steelers from Newport (home club of current Welsh International Aaron Wainwright) who play 'U14 rules' so we had to adjust accordingly. Our boys were superb and despite a big second half fight back from the Steelers Kenilworth won 43-22.

After some fun in Cardiff Bay the group moved onto Ross on Wye and beat a dangerous and physical local side 69-19 – our organisation and experience showed against a team of boys who were quite new to the game. Plans are underway to host Steelers at Kenilworth next season.

Dave Edwards



U12s TOUR AND WASPS LAND ROVER CUP CHAMPIONS!

With the boys moving up to 'big school' at the start of the season, we saw an increase in numbers to bolster our team and this continued throughout the season. It was also great to see most of the squad playing across both the first and second teams at Kenilworth School with great success. We decided to take one last trip to the West Coast Rugby Rocks Festival to try and bring back some silverware. A large squad of 24 with parents and siblings in tow, descended on Bude in North Cornwall on the Friday night and played their first round of games at Bideford RFC the next day. The boys played some outstanding rugby and ended the day undefeated with our defence constantly pressurizing the opposition who rarely got into our half. An early night ensued back at base and Day 2 saw us win our 1/4r final game against Midhurst RFC. This set up a tasty semi-final against Towcestrians RFC. The majority of the game was played in the middle of the pitch with both sides making breaks before the opposing defence did their job. Our Player of the Tour, Jack Knight, put some great tackles in over the two days and whilst that semi-final ended in a 1 try to nil defeat we held our heads high and the boys, without prompting, watched and cheered on a Towcestrians win in the final.

This team spirit has helped the U12's become a formidable group of young boys and earlier in the season they set out to win the Wasps Land Rover Cup which they did in style. Having won this the year before with no prize or reward apart from the kudos of being undefeated throughout the win in this age group was richly deserved. Their prize was a trip to the Premiership

Final at HQ on 1st June where they got to meet the England and Leicester legend, Martin Johnson, ahead of the Exeter v Saracens game and perform in the Parade of Champions at half time in front of over 80,000. What a fitting end to a great season as the boys now graduate from Minis to Juniors.

Roger Roberts



U16's captain Alfie Armstrong

KRFC U11s Tour de France

Friday 4th January

At 6:30am on a dark morning in January the Kenilworth RFC U11s boarded a bus to travel to France for their first rugby tour abroad. The destination Montpellier Hérault Rugby in the South of France. The journey was long and took in the very scenic M6 conurbations of Birmingham and Stoke, while this wowed the children the adults slept on our way to Manchester Airport. Everything went smoothly, and no one unbelievably was challenged at security and we sailed on to the plane. To ensure we complied with club values we took our Chairman, he also very conveniently speaks French.

The Montpellier club were fantastic hosts and started our weekend well by sending the first team bus to pick us up from Carcassonne Airport. Once we had settled into our digs at the Montpellier Academy, we walked down to GGL Stadium where the group had a behind the scenes tour including the players gym, changing room and VIP area. After a long day travelling the group was hosted at the Montpellier club Brasserie for an evening meal and a libation or two.

Saturday 5th

Junior Fixture: Saturday was the big rugby day for us as we had a fixture against the junior Montpellier team in the morning and then attend the

T14 Montpellier versus Lyon in the afternoon. The day started early with breakfast at the MHR Brasserie and then the club opened the club shop early for the retailers within the group. The MHR kit is made by Kappa and this went down well with the cool kid parents from the 80s. Duly fleeced by the children the group went to the Montpellier training pitches adjacent to the main stadium to meet their junior U11 team. The junior team welcomed us warmly with presents for the team and we reciprocated. Both teams warmed up together with the Montpellier coaches leading this prior to the game. As with all international fixtures there should be anthems and the Montpellier group duly delivered, God Save the Queen and the Marseilles were played. The game was fast and open with some great rugby played, the Kenilworth players adapted really well to the 4G pitch, line-outs and non-English speaking referee, who was excellent. The KRFC U11s played some excellent rugby excelling with their running and passing game. While our hosts were excellent at the set piece, stripping the ball in contact and stealing the ball on the floor. After a ding-dong battle for over 40 minutes the game was called a draw. This rugby spectacle was then followed by a lunch in the sunshine of the south of France prepared by the Montpellier parents. This excellent gesture was welcomed by the whole group as all the



Game Action



Aaron Cruden

food and wine disappeared. Speeches were delivered and none other than our Chairman, Pierre Blakeman, delivered ours in French.

T14 Fixture

Following the fantastic start to the day the group were in great spirits when we attended the GGL stadium for the professional game. The bands and the supporters created a great atmosphere. The Montpellier U11s joined us at the game and we all sat in the same area. Unfortunately, Montpellier couldn't give us the result we wanted but we certainly enjoyed the experience, some more than others.

Late on Tour

Our U11 Head Coach Rich Franklin spent 36 hours travelling to get on tour. This fantastic effort needs to be put into context of his stupidity of starting in Perth, Australia. He was both fined and recognised for his effort in tour court.

Sunday 6th

How do you follow such a great day? We do what all rugby sections do on Sunday morning we went

training. We had a great fun session and as we were finishing, we noticed a group of Montpellier players gathering, once we found out they had a fixture that afternoon we decided to support them. The standard of rugby between Montpellier U18s and Grenoble U18s was fantastic and helped along by sunshine and a beer or two. We retired to the city centre on the evening for a final tour meal and a chance to see Montpellier and obligatory Irish Bar. The children and adults represented the club fantastically and this was made possible by Montpellier, a class act. We are all Montpellier fans now. Ici, ici. C'est Montpellier!

On this tour weekend we were blessed by 4 days of sunshine, great hospitality and great friends!

J Jenkins



Dads enjoying themselves



Take Off



2018/19 - A SEASON TO REMEMBER FOR KRFC

Season 17/18 at Kenilworth RFC was, we thought "ok", finishing 3rd in the league behind two very good sides and being losing finalists in both the Shield and 2nd XV Shield. The squad was developing nicely under Player/Coach Chris Whitehead and everyone was looking forward to the new season. Coventry players Will Maisey and George Oram had agreed to assist Chris with the coaching.

Then the bombshell - Chris unexpectedly resigned and with the new season looming we were without a Head Coach. We did have Jai Purewal as the Men's Director of Rugby with Adam Turner as 1st XV Manager. Prior to the appointment of Chris in 2017, we had placed an advert on the RFU site seeking a Player/Coach - crucially, this was never taken down! Adam took a call from a "Mr Ellis" who asked if the position of coach at Kenilworth (as per the RFU site) was still available. Adam responded that we thought we had a South African secured. Dave responded, "I will send you my CV in case you think you can use me sometime". The email came and Adam choked, then spoke to Jai. Must be a wind up they thought. Why would a guy with such a pedigree want to come and coach at Level 7? Jai spoke to Dave and it quickly became clear that Dave really did want to coach at Kenilworth and was excited about the prospect. He had even done his homework and told us why we had not been promoted the previous

year. The South African never materialised and frantic discussions took place and all agreed it was such an opportunity (with Dave) that we could not pass up on. Dave's first session (for us to have a 'look and see') was the 30th August and he was in attendance for our final pre-season game on the 1st Sept. He was well impressed with a 64-17 win over a Broadstreet XV. We had ourselves a new coach!

Our first league game was away at Old Laurentian on the 8th but a potential disaster was looming with a large number of first XV players not being available due to injury and holiday commitments. We wanted to start the season with a bang but it was a worried group of supporters who travelled to Rugby, fearing the worse.

I had a chat with Dave during the warm-up for the OL's game. He told me he had "yellow carded" Nick Gerber during lineup practise. I curiously asked why and he replied: "I want to see how they get on without him in the lineup". This was typical of his style. Much to the amazement of the big travelling support, we won that first league game at Old Laurentian, 34-16. Dave kept in the background, as he does.

The impact of the new coaching set-up was dramatic and, with the 'missing' returning from injury and holidays, a further three league wins followed to start the season in impressive style and claim top spot in the league. We then started our Intermediate Cup

campaign with a close win, 24-22, over Wolverhampton. Excitement was building!

We then travelled to Earlsdon and the visiting supporters duly paid their £3. Much to the delight of Earlsdon, we lost the game, and our top spot, with a converted try in the dying minutes. In the league, we then went on an undefeated run to end up winners (by fourteen points) with a record number of points and a 100% winning home record. The critical statement game was at Kidderminster in mid-November. They had won all of their opening seven games and topped the league. The performance we put on was sensational and we never gave Kidderminster a sniff and silenced their big watching crowd with a 27-14 win to return to the top. Even Dave was impressed that the plan(s) he had come up with had been implemented superbly by the players. We remained at the top till the end of the season.

Every game we played was recorded and analysed and Dave's thoughts were given to the squad prior to the next game. (Quite a few players found themselves in the naughty seat during those video debriefs!) Crucial to his planning was obtaining video footage of our opposition. Dave was also keen to help others and following our win at Evesham, for example, he took their coaches to one side after the game and went through the video advising them how they could improve.

Our wonderful exploits in the Intermediate Cup have been documented elsewhere but following our win over Wolverhampton we then proceeded with wins over Stafford, an HWO over Market Rasen & Louth then a very decent away win at unbeaten Olney. This set us up for the two biggest games in our history, Kidderminster in the Midlands Final and then South Shields Westoe in the National Semi-final for a place at Twickenham. Then there was the biggest game, Matson in the Intermediate Cup Final at Twickenham, a 32-26 win and a sensational day in front of close to



Kidderminster away



Gaz Renowden:
250th appearance
v Leamington, 01/12/18

1000+ Kenilworth supporters.

The one downer for the end of season was our Shield Final defeat to Earlsdon. After wins over Old Laurentian and Spartans, we went into the final on a Wednesday night, fielding a much-changed side, only 72hrs after our gruelling win over Westoe in the Intermediate Cup, but lost 10-12, missing a very kickable penalty in the dying minutes.

To compensate somewhat our Second XV had earlier secured the 2nd XV Shield with wins over Old Coventrians, Southam, Spartans and Leamington. Our U16's defended their cup with a very big win over Barkers Butts.

Dave Ellis, and the rest of the coaches, said they would improve our defence and if you analyse the performance of all our teams this season this is where the big improvement has been made, the 1st XV conceding an average of 21 points during season 17/18 but only 14 last season.

I will conclude with a quote from *Gaz Renowden* and this, to my mind, sums everything up. It was in response to allegations that our success was down to paying players, which we most definitely are not!

*"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day;
teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.
Pay a player and you get one decent player;
pay Dave Ellis and you get a team who
win the league with games to spare."*

Willie W

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