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Saturday 6th January 2024

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DIRECTOR OF RUGBY MESSAGE

Good afternoon and welcome to The Stute, home of Ilkeston Rugby Union Football Club. I'd like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the travelling players, coaches and supporters of Nuneaton Old Edwardians RFC.

For our last fixture of 2023 we travelled over to Market Rasen which is always a tough place to go.

After a slow start the Elks didn't take the lead till the 36th minute with a Joel Haigh penalty and an unconverted Aaron Garvey try (7-8). Two further tries before half time by Aaron and Joel Naylor, one converted by Joel Haigh gave us a 7-20 half time lead. The second half started as the first finished with a Charlie Clarke interception to set up an easy conversion for Joel H, (7-27).

On 48 mins Joel Haigh ghosted through a gap to score under the posts which he converted himself. In the last 20 mins the fact that we had not played for four weeks was starting to show as we allowed Rasen to score three tries to make the final score 26-34 to Ilkeston.



Nuneaton Old Edwardians RFC

Today's opponents Nuneaton Old Edwardians did us a big favour by beating our promotion rivals Lincoln last time out so we need to be aware of what they are capable of.

At Nuneaton in September The Elks built up a healthy lead before allowing OE's to come back into the game before two late tries secured a 24-52 win.

Team News: James Dickenson returns on the front row, Liam Gavin earns a start on the wing and Simon "Bish" Bennett is back in the squad after a few weeks off after recovering from a slight strain.

We will be holding a minute's silence before kick off for Tom Beattie who passed away just before Christmas. Tom was a regular in our First XV in the 80's and 90's playing well into his 40's. He was a quiet man but a formidable force when running with ball in hand. Condolences to Toms family from everyone at Ilkeston RUFC.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday cheering the boys on.

Steve's Quote of the Day - "Discipline yourself and others won't need to" JW

Good Luck to both teams - Come on you Elks!



Steve Foulkes
Director of Rugby

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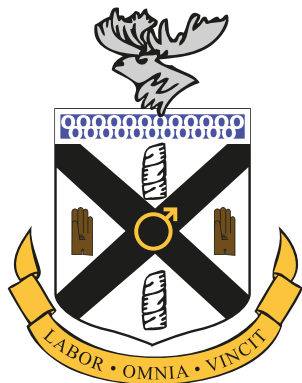
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CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



CLUB NEWS

SAD NEWS

Very sad news about the passing of Tom Beattie. Tom was a regular in our First XV in the 80's and 90's playing in any position on the front row, it's safe to say that Tom matured late as a player but he remained even later, playing at his highest level well into his 40's. He was a quiet man but a formidable force when running at full tilt with ball in hand and took some stopping! An honest, straight talking and committed Rugby player, who will be missed by many. RIP Thomas Beattie.

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January 14th Sunday - The Stute's legendary Sunday Lunch
Limited places available, sells out very quickly, ring Carol on 07738242112 to book your table!

January 26th Friday - Karaoke Night Reurns

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After the huge success of the last karaoke night which saw Shoey embrace his boy band persona by smashing the Back Street boys out of the park, it's now back. Get practicing in front of that mirror with your hairbrush!

January 28th Sunday - The Stute's legendary Sunday Lunch
Contact Carol on 07738242112 to book your table!



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We continue to run our Player Sponsorship Scheme for the 2023/24 season and a huge thank you must be given to all of the sponsors for their continued generosity. Their support for the playing side of the club is greatly appreciated.

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Colts Update



Mansfield 26 Ilkeston 28

The Green Army travelled up to Eakring Road for a showdown under lights with Mansfield, the conditions were perfect, the welcome from Mansfield was fantastic.

From the whistle Mansfield made their intentions clear with a sweeping move that covered two thirds of the pitch, Ilkeston missed tackles or went too high on the bigger opponents and it was only a desperate last ditch effort from Nathan that forced Mansfield into touch metres from the Ilkeston line.

The lineout was knocked on over the Elks line and pounced on by the Mansfield hooker, the referee awarded a try but thankfully, after advice from his touch judge, a scrum to Ilkeston was given. From the scrum Oli cleared with a booming kick up the touchline and into Mansfield territory, the threat was cleared but the Elks had been warned of the power and pace of Mansfield.

Ignoring that warning the Elks switched off in the lineout, Mansfield won good ball and in a brilliant move with backs making ground and their forwards supporting they scored under the posts, 7-0. Surely the Elks would now switch on and get their tackles in?, unfortunately not, minutes later we were back behind our posts, conversion missed, 12-0.

Ilkeston then had a bit of possession and showed that they were, in parts, equal to Mansfield. The scrummage was immense all night, the lineout was working well and Ollis boot was getting us into the right positions, a bit of pressure forced Mansfield into conceding a penalty and Oli put us on the scoreboard, 12-3.

Mansfield took a quick restart as the Elks were still celebrating their points but luckily it went straight out, more warning signs of the alertness and quick thinking of the home side, especially the No.10 who will become a star for the Club I'm sure. Still Ilkeston were lethargic around the pitch, good positions were squandered by lack of reaction and failure to get pods in place, scrum half Jake got the ball away constantly under pressure but due to the pressure it wasn't quality ball for the backs to run with. The penalty count rose and Mansfield pinned the Elks back in their 22, tackles again were missed and Mansfield scored from close range with no defence in site, conversion kicked, 19-3.

So, here we were, in exactly the position as the first game at The Stute, 19-3 down to a bigger side, playing expansive rugby. In that instance it was Sam Evans with a bit of quick thinking and genius that got us back in the game, it couldn't happen again could it? This time with the help of great line out possession, swift hands through the Centres of Fin and Arthur, Sam showed an electric turn of pace and outran the defence to score a try which showed just how simple it is to score a try when all the components are in place, Ollis conversion made it 19-10.

So now we were back in the game, Alex and Rory were on with the instructions to smash rucks and get the tackling done that had been missing from the start, gradually we were getting a foothold in Mansfield territory but again the home side produced a break out, won ruck ball and the 10 skipped a couple of despairing arms to score a converted try under the posts, 26-10.

The Elks play was improving as we seemed to realise that we were as good as the opponents and we were soon putting pressure on them, a penalty was awarded which Oli converted with the last kick of the first half, 26-13.

A couple of changes in personnel were made at half time, but the major change was made by the lads themselves, there was a determination to prove they were a better side than the one that had shown itself in that opening 20 minutes, suddenly tackles were being made, pods were formed, tip ons to put runners into space, and changes in angles and runs from the backs were made, it was almost as though we had been doing this in training for the last 3 months 😊.

Our scrum continued to dominate, we were on top in the loose play and our tackling was immense, Mansfield were pressured into conceding penalty after penalty and quality ball was coming out to the backs, a lovely move along the line with Oli, Fin, Arthur and Sam instinctively knowing just when to release a pass resulted in Nathan scoring, how he managed to somehow hold on with one hand pinning the ball almost to his back I don't know!, the conversion by Oli just falling short, 26-18.

The Elks were now relishing the challenge, a barnstorming run from Rory got us back into their 22 but a harsh penalty, and a yellow card!, put us back in our own half, another great run from Alex got us back up there but the intervention of the touch judge brought another penalty and back we went. In the first half these incidents would have led to scores from Mansfield but the intensity of the Elks defence seemed to dent their confidence.

A Mansfield yellow card brought it back to 14 a side but with Rory's sinbin being over first the quick thinking Elks made full use of a temporary extra man and ran from their own 22, sublime handling again got it out to Man of the Match Nathan who beat the first man, put a little chip in, gathered it and scored, brilliant!! As was the conversion!, 26-25.

With minutes to go the Elks didn't panic, a long shot at goal was turned down as the lads were confident that a further chance would come, it did, as Mansfield tried to run out of defence they were caught offside from their own knock on and Oli claimed the winning points with the last kick of the game, 26-28.

An epic game of Rugby played in the right spirit with just a little edge to it between 2 very good sides.

Next Match - Saturday 6th January vs Derby Home 11.30am kick off



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Mini & Junior Update



An interesting away trip to Matlock

Well it was never going to be straight forward going to Matlock away when the monsoon season was in full effect. All coaches woke up on the Sunday morning, after days of "will the matches be on" messages from parents, to surprising confirmation from Matlock that games were going ahead. This is at a ground which is known to be muddy in mid July!

The traffic also took its toll on parents getting the kids there, with a particularly bad hold up in Ripley causing havoc. However for those that did make it, the pitches were surprisingly good and we all had an excellent morning of rugby.

Certainly the U11s hosts were fantastic and all games were very enjoyable and played in a brilliant pre Christmas spirit.

Juniors Results

U13 Ilkeston - No match report

U14 Ilkeston - No match report

U15 Ilkeston 26 vs Mellish 31

A Mellish win, with 2 tries from a player we lent them, doh!

U16 Ilkeston

Well with the weather against us and a pitch perfect for mud wrestling the U16s made their trademark slow start!

Southwell started with a great attitude & quickly scored, showing a great defence line speed and very fast hands. However, our boys kept their heads high, with much encouragement from the sidelines, started showing what it is that makes them such a great team! After a brief stoppage for an injury to a Southwell player, the lads remained positive and continued to play in abhorrent conditions levelling the score with a try by Josh.

Southwell, eager to go ahead, pushed and scored an easy try, making the score 5-12, after Sam received the 1st of many yellow cards given in the game.

The lads truly picked up their game, as the weather worsened to score 4 tries, 2 for Gav, 1 for Rory and 1 for Matt B.

With a difficult 1st half for our kicker Matt R in testing weather conditions, he returned to the 2nd half with a renewed vigor to score 2 cracking conversions putting us in a very comfortable lead. With minutes left in the game Southwell were able to score consolation try bringing the final score to 29-19 and a 2-2 win in NLD games for Ilkeston U16s.

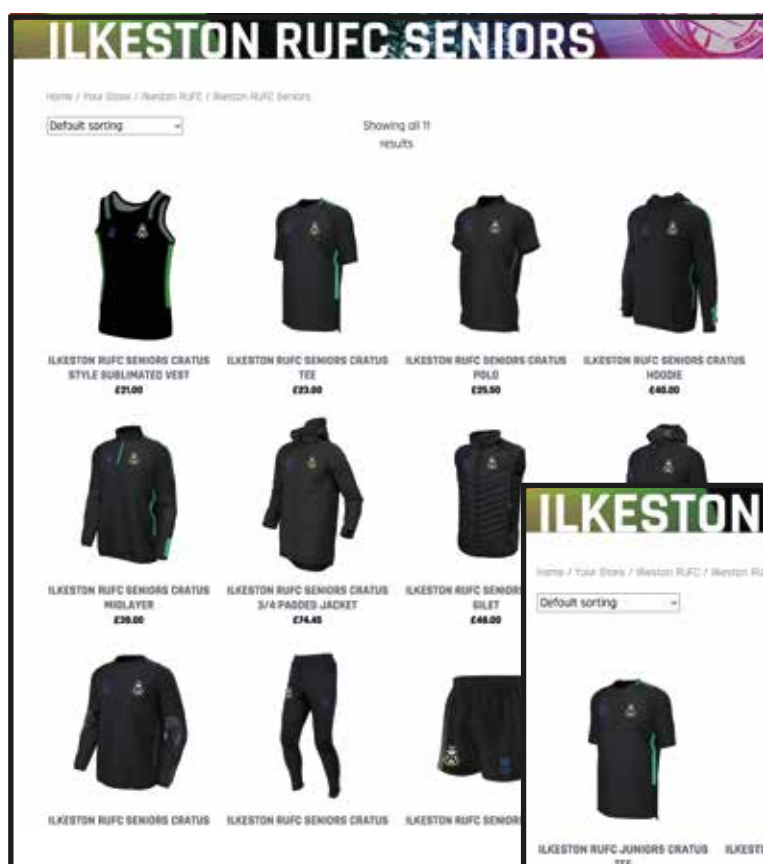
Next matches - Sunday 14th January

U7-U12 Corsairs A

U13 NLD Melbourne A - U14 Corsairs A - U15 Corsairs H - U16 NLD Stamford A



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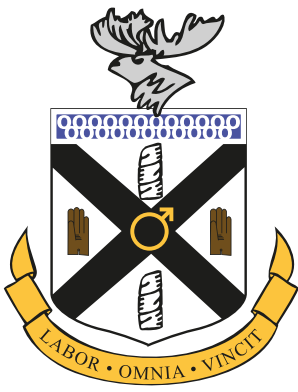
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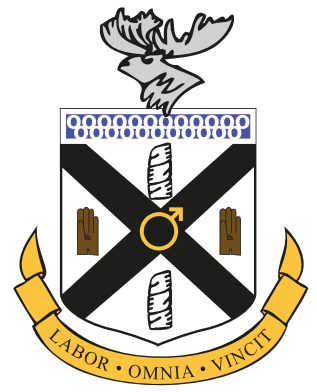


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- Ilkeston Rugby Club no follows a Pitch Inspection Protocol
- This is so that players, parents and visiting clubs all have a clear idea and timetable if it looks like weather may affect the viability of matches
- These are difficult decisions to make at the best of times, so by laying this out clearly we hope to reduce some of the pressure put on those involved.
- The protocol can be found on the Coaches Corner section of our website
<https://www.ilkestonrugby.com/a/coaches-corner-44988.html?page=3>



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- Please make sure all doors marked fire doors are kept closed at all times. These doors are there to protect people in instances of fire, so do not wedge these doors open.
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Ilkeston 1st XV Fixture List

<i>Saturday, 14 October 2023</i>	<i>Belgrave</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>
<i>Saturday, 21 October 2023</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Boston</i>
<i>Saturday, 4 November 2023</i>	<i>Birstall</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>
<i>Friday, 10 November 2023</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Mansfield</i>
<i>Saturday, 18 November 2023</i>	<i>Lincoln</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>
<i>Saturday, 16 December 2023</i>	<i>Market R & L</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>
<i>Saturday, 6 January 2024</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Nuneaton OEs</i>
<i>Saturday, 13 January 2024</i>	<i>Hinckley II</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>
<i>Saturday, 20 January 2024</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Southwell</i>
<i>Saturday, 27 January 2024</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Belgrave</i>
<i>Saturday, 3 February 2024</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Boston</i>
<i>Saturday, 10 February 2024</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Loughborough</i>
<i>Saturday, 17 February 2024</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Birstall</i>
<i>Saturday, 2 March 2024</i>	<i>Mansfield</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>
<i>Saturday, 16 March 2024</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Lincoln</i>
<i>Saturday, 23 March 2024</i>	<i>Southwell</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>
<i>Saturday, 6 April 2024</i>	<i>Burton II</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>

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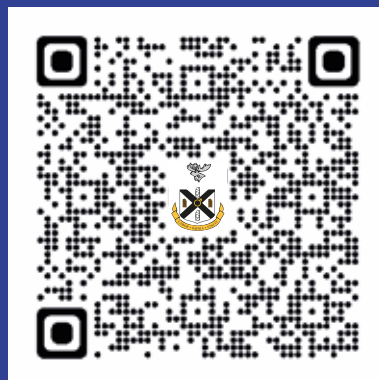
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Ilkeston 1st XV

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#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts	Adj
1	Hinckley II	13	13	0	0	649	128	521	12	0	64	
2	Ilkeston	11	9	0	2	369	170	199	8	1	46	
3	Lincoln	12	9	0	3	435	264	171	10	0	46	
4	Belgrave	13	8	0	5	341	313	28	8	0	40	
5	Loughborough	12	8	0	4	312	219	93	5	1	38	
6	Market Rasen & Louth	12	5	0	7	281	293	-12	7	1	28	
7	Mansfield	13	5	1	7	290	358	-68	3	2	27	
8	Southwell	12	4	1	7	275	285	-10	5	2	25	
9	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	13	4	0	9	240	462	-222	6	2	24	
10	Burton II	12	4	0	8	202	361	-159	2	3	21	
11	Boston	13	4	0	9	161	349	-188	1	1	14	-5
12	Birstall	12	0	0	12	117	470	-353	0	0	-5	-5

Ilkeston 2nd XV

NLD Merit 1 West



#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
1	Nottingham Moderns 2nd XV	9	8	0	1	365	149	216	5	0	37
2	Mansfield 2nd XV	8	6	0	2	399	196	203	6	0	30
3	Bingham	8	5	0	3	339	141	198	7	3	30
4	Ilkeston 2nd XV	6	3	0	3	117	129	-12	2	0	14
5	Nottingham Casuals 2nd XV	10	2	0	8	133	393	-260	2	0	10
6	Ashfield 2nd XV	7	0	0	7	56	401	-345	0	0	0



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5-Zack Lebeter
6-Joel Naylor
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Saturday 6th January

vs Ilkeston 1st XV

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3- Barrie Jones
4- Jan Nyvlt
5- Ryan Singh
6- Jacques Le Roux
7- Richard Lee
8- Ryan Southall
9- Brendan Tait Cpt

10- James Taylor
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14- Sam Johnson
15- Sam Southall

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