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vs Loughborough RFC Kick Off 2.15pm



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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 Loughborough RFC.

Last time out we travelled to Lincoln for a game to decide who would be second and third in the league at the end of the weekend. In a game that the lead changed hands numerous times it was Lincoln who came out on top at the final whistle winning 26-17. Ilkeston points coming from Joel Naylor and Joel Haigh tries, plus 7 points coming from the boot of Joel H. Brilliant effort by everyone involved in what was a tough but enjoyable game.

We have since returned to second spot without even playing a game. An injury hit Boston couldn't raise a team to travel to the Stute so we were awarded a 0-0 "win" and 5 League points. The game scheduled for the 3rd February 2024 at Boston will now be played at The Stute.



Loughborough RFC

After having a poor start to the season today's opponents have hit a bit of good form winning 7 of their previous 8 games, only losing to Hinckley. A win today for us would see us do the double over them after beating them 24-40 at Loughborough back in September.

The only changes to the team that faced Lincoln is in the front row where James Dickenson and Kieran Lang return and Oscar Tatham returns to the 1st XV after a long lay off through injury.

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

Steve's Quote of the Day

"If you're not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary"

Good Luck to both teams.
Come on you Elks!

Steve Foulkes
Director of Rugby



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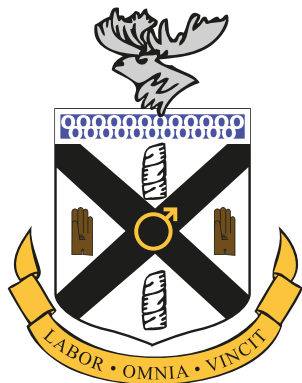
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CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



CLUB NEWS

As many of you know we have recently put in new windows in The Stute. Thanks to the generosity of over 130 supporters who donated, our old rotten windows have been replaced with sympathetically styled uPVC units. These are in keeping with our 1930s clubhouse and will hopefully improve the heat efficiency too.

The windows project is just the start of our Repair, Refurbish and Develop program. More details of which will follow, but broadly these will include (not an exhaustive list)

REPAIR

Next on the repair list is the top roof at the Stute, which very much like the windows is showing it's age and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

REFURBISH

New carpets throughout, upstairs bar reinstalled and refurbished, kitchen modernisation to help catering requirements.

DEVELOP

Planning has been granted for an upstairs balcony off the top bar and a terrace off the downstairs bar. The club will hope to raise and find funding for these improvements to open well in time for our centenary year in 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31st

The legendary Stute New Years Eve Party

Tickets on sale exclusively to players & members for brief period before selling to the general public.

This always sells out very fast so buy tickets whilst you can from The Stute bar!



Player Sponsors



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.

There are still some opportunities available and anyone who would like to support a player in this way can contact Andrew Evans or send an email to: sponsorship@ilkestonrugby.com

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Colts Update



Matlock 26 Ilkeston 26

Proof that if you keep going you get something out of a game!

A beautiful Saturday afternoon saw a very strong Ilkeston squad travel to Matlock, a ground that is glorious looking when the Sun is out but drops by 10 degrees as soon as the Sun drops behind the hill.

The coaches rang the changes before the start and some of the lads who haven't been starting got their opportunity.

It shows the strength and unity in this group of lads that nobody moaned, everyone supported everyone and the game kicked off in glorious sunshine.

The Elks started well and put pressure on the Matlock line, our ability to pass and kick to good effect soon brought a couple of scores but there were worrying signs in the tight play as Matlock contested every ruck ball, constantly driving Ilkeston off their own possession and forcing them to rebuild every time.

It's been a Matlock trademark for years to keep the pack tight and hit every ruck with 2 or 3 forwards, Ilkeston's style of play is to get the breakdowns wider and draw the defence out to expose gaps, a simple tip on from a pod finds those gaps and gets us in behind defences, BUT, you have to compete at the first ruck to win the ball and set up a second pod, if you don't your constantly rebuilding!

The message went on repeatedly to contest rucks but the lads seemed to think 'well if we're scoring points, it doesn't matter'

Rugby is a funny game, you can be the better side, the bigger side, the faster side, but if you don't compete you run the risk of losing, luckily we held on for a draw but we were one kick away from losing it, Matlock kept going, kept competing and got something out of a game that at one point they were losing 3 tries to 1, well done them and it sets up a return fixture for Friday, let's see if we want to compete or not!

Gordon Pringle

Lead Coach Colts

Next Match - Friday 8th December vs Mansfield Away 7.30pm kick off





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Mini & Junior Update



Casuals Minis welcomed on mass to The Stute

Waking up to frosts on Sunday morning was slightly worrying, however the slightly crunchy grass belied the soft earth underneath. Phew, said Gordon the Groundsman, games on. Always a pleasure having Casuals down at The Stute all the minis had great games, but as importantly, all played in the correct spirit.

Great rugby was seen all round The Stute with the Ilkeston mini age groups U7-U12 all having great matches and really displaying the TREDs ethic through out. Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

It was also great to see 3 of our current colts players giving up their Sunday mornings to help our hard working volunteer coaches.

Juniors Results

U13 Ilkeston vs Dinnington
No match report

U14 Ilkeston vs Casuals
Match abandoned due to Casuals' injuries

U15 Ilkeston 50 vs Chesterfield 3
A dominant display by Ilkeston meant that there was just too much firepower for a spirited Chesterfield side to overcome.

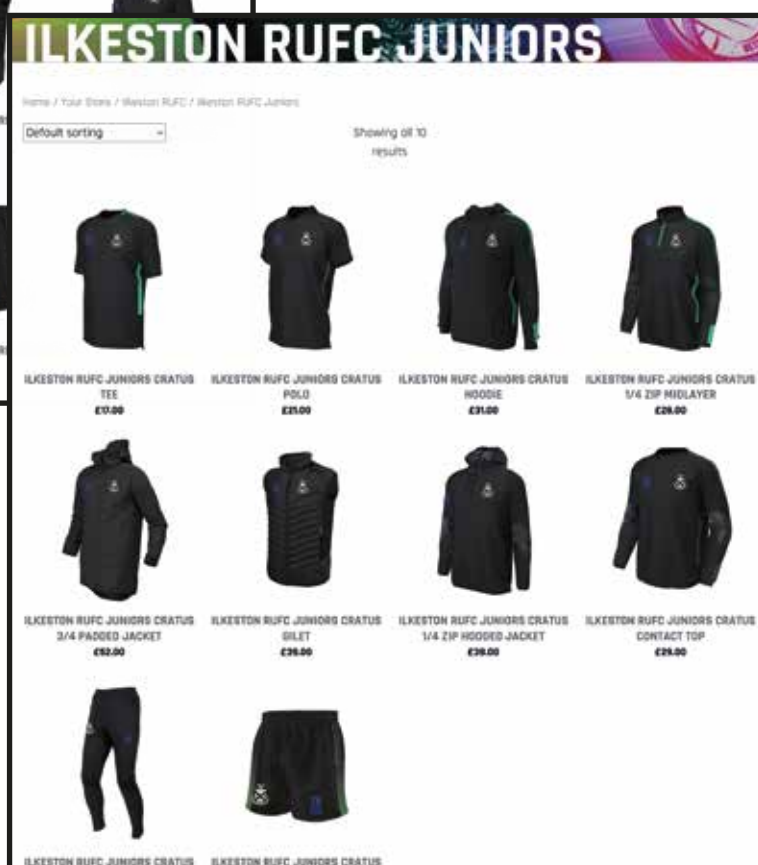
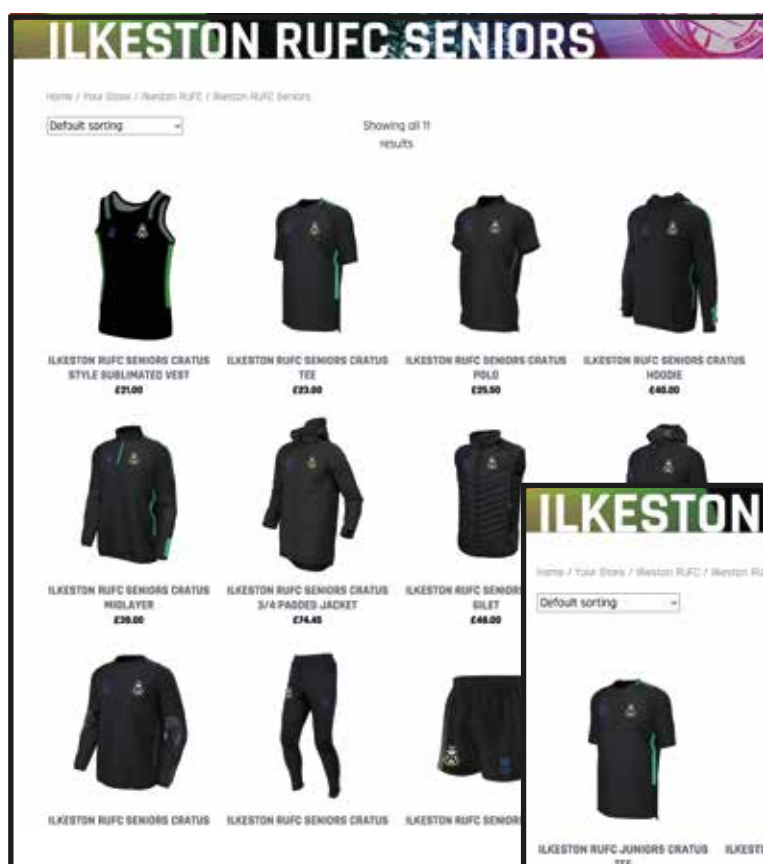
Thanks to all teams for making the journey to the Stute.

Next matches

Sunday 10th December
Sees the minis U7-U12 take on MATlock RFC away
Ilkeston U16 vs Southwell U16 NLD match 11am KO @ The Stute
Ilkeston U15 vs Ashbourne U15 @ Ashbourne
Ilkeston U14 vs Southwell U14 @ Southwell
Ilkeston U13 vs Derby U13 NLD match @ Derby



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Roll Call of Supporters

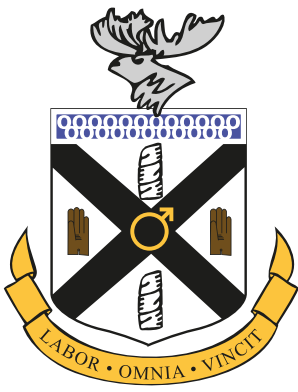
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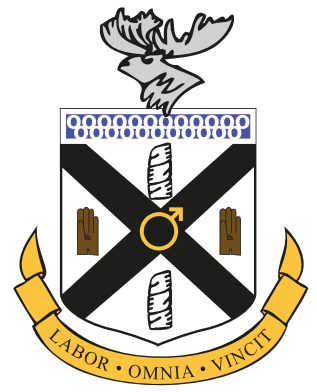


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The season of frost and ice is upon us:

- 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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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, 2 December 2023</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Southwell</i>
<i>Saturday, 9 December 2023</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Loughborough</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, 27 January 2024</i>	<i>Ilkeston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Belgrave</i>
<i>Saturday, 3 February 2024</i>	<i>Boston</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Ilkeston</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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Ilkeston 1st XV

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#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts	Adj
1	Hinckley II	11	11	0	0	551	111	440	10	0	54	
2	Ilkeston	10	8	0	2	335	144	191	7	1	41	
3	Lincoln	10	8	0	2	396	211	185	9	0	41	
4	Loughborough	11	7	0	4	293	205	88	5	1	34	
5	Belgrave	11	6	0	5	272	299	-27	6	0	30	
6	Market Rasen & Louth	10	5	0	5	252	249	3	6	0	26	
7	Mansfield	11	4	1	6	254	275	-21	2	2	22	
8	Southwell	10	3	1	6	218	260	-42	4	1	19	
9	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	11	3	0	8	164	402	-238	4	1	17	
10	Burton II	10	3	0	7	171	330	-159	2	2	16	
11	Boston	11	4	0	7	146	266	-120	1	1	14	-5
12	Birstall	10	0	0	10	98	398	-300	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	8	7	0	1	317	142	175	4	0	32
2	Bingham	8	5	0	3	339	141	198	7	3	30
3	Mansfield 2nd XV	7	5	0	2	348	188	160	5	0	25
4	Ilkeston 2nd XV	6	3	0	3	117	129	-12	2	0	14
5	Nottingham Casuals 2nd XV	8	2	0	6	118	294	-176	2	0	10
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1st XV vs Loughborough 1st XV

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- 1-James Dickenson**
- 2-George Doughty**
- 3-Keiran Lang**
- 4-Josh Meakin**
- 5-Zack Lebeter**
- 6-Joel Naylor**
- 7-Tom Pottinger**
- 8-Charlie Clarke**
- 9-Joel Haigh**
- 10-Joe Doughty**
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- 12-Jake Lamb**
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Saturday 9th December

vs Ilkeston 1st XV

- 1. Sean Bond**
- 2. Jordan Goddard**
- 3. Lee Gunton**
- 4. Jamie Grice**
- 5. Scott Pears**
- 6. Kieran Hewgill**
- 7. David Hunter**
- 8. Jack Percival**
- 9. Ole Ryan**

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Friday 8th December

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Finley Cockeram
Finn Woolley
Jack Dakin-Booth
Jack White
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