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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 Boston RFC.

Belgrave were the visitors to The Stute last week looking for revenge after we beat them on their own patch earlier in the season. They started very quickly scoring a try after only 3 minutes. The Elks soon settled and tries by Josh Meakin, Charlie Clarke and Jake Lamb put us 21-5 up by the 33rd minute, all converted by Joel Haigh. After the lead had changed hands the Belgrave centre scored an interception try but unfortunately there was no time left on the clock for us to reply. Final score 28-34.





Boston RFC

We finally get to play Boston today after two failed attempts this season. Promoted from Counties 2 last season they have lost 11 of their 16 games but had a very good win against Lincoln earlier in the season so they are capable of producing a shock. The boys will have to be on song today to avoid a slip up. With records of when the two teams last previously played each other unavailable I am informed that it could have been as long ago as 30 plus years so unknown territory for both teams.

Team News: James Dickenson is unavailable so Simon Bennett moves back to the front row and Zack Lebeter returns in the 2nd row. In the backs Abe Sua gets a start at 13 and Joe Marsden resumes on the wing after missing last Saturday's game.

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

"Just Play, Have Fun, Enjoy" MJ

Good Luck to both teams. Come on you Elks!

Steve Foulkes
Director of Rugby







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CLUB NEWS



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CLUB NEWS

Saturday February 10th - Memorial match for Tom Beattie

After the very sad news about the passing of Tom Beattie, the club will be using the 1st team match on the 10th February vs Loughborough as an opportunity for ex players and members to gather to remember Tom, have a drink in his memory and swap a story or two. Buffet sponsored by Keith Willis

NEW BOBBLE HATS ARE NOW IN STOCK!

Just in plenty of time for Christmas 2024 and what will be the coldest January on record according to the very accurate chaps at BBC weather.



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Sunday 11th February
The Stute's legendary Sunday Lunch is back! - Ring Carol 07738242112 to book

Saturday 17th February Ladies Day With Danny Graves entertaining

Sunday 10th March Mothers Day Sunday lunch - Contact Carol 07738242112 to book

Saturday 17th March
1st XV match & Sponsors lunch-With Ilkeston U9s as mascots

Saturday 18th May
Summer Ball and presentation evening



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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.

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

Jake Lamb - 1st XV





Keiren Lang -1st XV



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Abe Sua - 1st XV

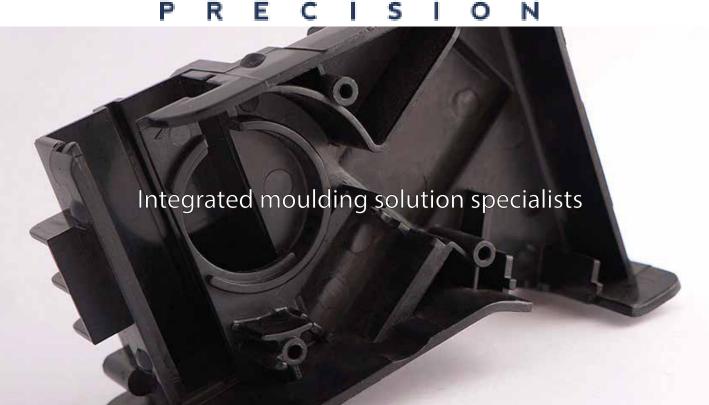


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ILKESTON COLTS MATCH REPORT



Ashbourne 22 Ilkeston 27

FINDING ANSWERS!!

A cracking game in the sunshine, both teams played some very good rugby in sticky conditions that, despite the sun, were very heavy and testing. The Elks had questions to answer after the poor display the previous week against Stamford, it's the sign of a good team that can bounce back and produce an effort like they did! A few changes were made from the previous week, some positional, some due to injuries and unavailability, but such is the depth of talent in the group it was still a very strong side.

Preparation on the day was a bit haphazard due to traffic, the geography of the changing rooms and pitch and the usual game of parking Tetris at Ashbourne. The first 10 minutes was spent as tackling practice for The Elks as Ashbourne battered our 5 metre line, they had big ball carriers and on another day we could have been our usual 14 points down without reply! Credit to the lads that they kept it to 7 in this period, first question answered.

Posession is always key in these conditions and if you can manage the referee he can become your extra man. To get that posession you have to hit rucks, take the opposition's space away and go forward, we did this, put them under pressure and caused a bit of dissent among their players, the penalties came, we marched up the pitch and scored a brilliant try in the corner with some superb handling, question 2 answered.

The lads were by now playing some very good rugby and just before half time scored another great try in the corner by piling the pressure on whilst in control, question 3 answered

In fairness we didn't want half time to come as we were dominating the game, we made changes in order to keep that pressure on and have fresh legs in our pack but our usual problems in restarting came back to haunt us, three missed tackles cost us a try and we were back under the cosh!

Some great play got us back in Ashbourne territory but a little bit of indiscipline cost us a penalty, a further 20 metres, a lineout lost and eventually a try. That put Ashbourne in front and the battle was on, another question, fight on or concede defeat? We fought on and produced a great try, repaying his debt to the team with the previous indiscipline Archie crashed over, question 4 answered.

The Elks were regaining control until a kick through and chase from Ashbourne produced one of the most generous penalty try decisions I've ever seen, a view shared by the opposition coach.

We were now behind but still playing well, a penalty got us back within one score, and we continued to press. The Ashbourne defence was proving as resilient as we were in the first 10 and with a combination of good clearance kicks and excellent chasing we found ourselves on our 22, 2 minutes to go, and 2 points behind. We could have panicked and thrown the ball about in desperation, chasing the game, instead we resorted to pattern, set up pods, and retained posession forcing Ashbourne into conceding a penalty in their 22, question 5 answered.

We kicked for the corner, won the lineout with some quick thinking, cleared 2 rucks, and Jonny crashed over for the try, converted by Sam and the win was in the bag, final question answere.

A great game of Rugby from both sides, numerous candidates for Man of the Match but won by Sam Evans for tackling like a 7 whilst running and distributing like a 10!

Gordon Pringle Colts Head Coach



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Mini & Junior Update



Minis visit Ashfield Rugby Club

Minis travelled to Ashfields impressive new grounds at the appropriate Twikenham Rd ground. Mixed results across the sides with strong showing from the U10s & U12s but a learning curve still for the U11s who probably scored the bestteam try they have ever scored in the first 2 mins, then proceeded to go to sleep. Even the U6s travelled to have a joint training session with Ashfield U6s,

Well done for Sam (Colt), Tommy (Colt) and Keiran (1st XV) who all had hard matches the day before but still got up with the other coaches on Sunday morning to run the U6s. Also need a shout out to Connor (colt) who also helps out with the minis even whilst carrying a broken collar bone and Jack (colt) who has just joined the U7s set up and Tom Bayley (U15) who helps out the U12s.

We truly are one club.

Juniors Results

Ilkeston U16		Training no game
Ilkeston U15	19 vs 10	Ashbourne NLD Match
Ilkeston U14	45 vs 0	Ashby NLD Match
Ilkeston U13	25 vs 30	Derby

Next matches - Sunday 4th February

U16	VS	Lincoln Away NLD match
U15	VS	Melbourne Away
U14	VS	Ashfield Away NLD match
U13	VS	Training @ The Stute
U12	VS	Melbourne away
U11	VS	Melbourne away
U10	VS	Melbourne away
U9	VS	Melbourne away
U8	VS	Melbourne away
U7	VS	Melbourne away
116		Training @ The Stute



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Club Notices AKA Club Moans Match Official Abuse NLD



There has been a lot of publicity recently about the RFU increasing punishments to crack down on an escalation in match official abuse that has been seen creeping into rugby over the past few years. I am pleased to say that Ilkeston RUFC has a good track record of taking taking the core values of our sport very seriously. It is something that can be seen in our coaches and subsequently in the behaviour of our players across all age groups of the club. However, this doesn't mean to say we should be complacent and the club committee would like to highlight what the recent directives from the RFU and NLD mean in practice. The NLD (Notts, Lincs & Derbys Rugby, the constituent body responsible for our rugby at a local level) have noted that even after introducing an aggravated tariff of 2 extra weeks to be applied to sanctions imposed by their disciplinary committee for instances of Match Official Abuse (MOA), they have noticed that the trend in MOA has increased again, both on pitch and more disappointingly, pitch side. There has been a marked increase in MOA by coaches, club officials and spectators/club members. The RFU report that MOA, particularly, is seen as instrumental to the increasing number of referees retiring from the game, in many cases solely as a result of the way in which they have been treated, abused and spoken to by players, spectators or club members.

The directive from the RFU now means that the NLD disciplinary panel will apply an additional 2 to 4 weeks extra to any sanctions they apply to players/clubs/coaches. In addition to this, action has also recently been taken against clubs where non-playing spectators and members have deemed to have been participating in MOA. One club had incidents at a colts game and now have a 10 point reduction to the club's 1st XV team (suspended and to be invoked applied if there is a repeat of this behaviour reported). Another club had a game abandoned and have had a 15 point reduction applied to their Senior 1st XV (this will be carried over and applied at the start of next season, because it was felt to apply it to the current season would have little to no effect due to their present position in the league).

Ilkeston RUFC would like to make it very clear to all players, coaches, supporters, parents, and anyone else attending our matches from the 1st XV to the U6s, any behaviour likely to be construed as Match Official Abuse will not be tolerated by the club. Everyone should understand that it has no place in our sport and any such behaviour could have serious consequences for the club as a whole.

Ilkeston RUFC welcome all match officials to our club, they are our guests and will be treated with the friendliness and the respect that they deserve. The club is grateful that these volunteers give up their free time for the good of the game we all love.

Andrew Evans Chairman Ilkeston Rugby Club

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Ilkeston 1st XV Fixture List

Saturday, 14 October 2023	Belgrave	V	Ilkeston
Saturday, 21 October 2023	Ilkeston	V	Boston
Saturday, 4 November 2023	Birstall	V	Ilkeston
Friday, 10 November 2023	llkeston	V	Mansfield
Saturday, 18 November 2023	Lincoln	V	Ilkeston
Saturday, 16 December 2023	Market R & L	V	Ilkeston
Saturday, 6 January 2024	Ilkeston	V	Nuneaton OEs
Saturday, 13 January 2024	Hinckley II	V	Ilkeston
Saturday, 27 January 2024	Ilkeston	V	Belgrave
Saturday, 3 February 2024	Ilkeston	V	Boston
Saturday, 10 February 2024	Ilkeston	V	Loughborough
Saturday, 17 February 2024	Ilkeston	V	Birstall
Saturday, 24 February 2024	Ilkeston	V	Southwell
Saturday, 2 March 2024	Mansfield	V	Ilkeston
Saturday, 16 March 2024	Ilkeston	V	Lincoln
Saturday, 23 March 2024	Southwell	V	Ilkeston
Saturday, 6 April 2024	Burton II	V	Ilkeston

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2	Lincoln	35	11	0	4	510	346	164	12	0	56	
3	Ilkeston	13	10	0	3	439	216	223	10	2	53	
4	Belgrave	15	10	0	5	389	345	44	9	0	49	
5	Loughborough	14	9	1	4	355	259	96	6	1	45	
6	Market Rasen & Louth	15	7	1.	7	316	324	-8	7	- 74	39	
7	Mansfield	15	6	1	1	319	382	-63	3	3	32	
8	Southwell	14	5	1	8	333	316	17	6	3	31	
9	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	15 :	5	0	10	274	517	243	4	2	28	
10	Burton III	15	4	0	11	250	424	174	3	5	24	
.11	Boston	15	5	0	10	180	375	-195	7	71	18	-5
12	Birstall	15	0	0	15	134	519	385	0		-9	-10

Ilkeston 2nd XV NLD Merit 1 West



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1	Nottingham Moderns 2nd XV	9		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	9	30
4	likeston 2nd XV	6	3	0	3	117	129	-12	2	0	14
5	Nottingham Casuals 2nd XV	10	2	0		133	393	-260	2	0	10
6	Ashfield 2nd XV	7	0	0	7	56	401	345	0	0	0









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