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WELCOME

Welcome to the Crofts, home of Old Leamingtonians RFC. I would also like to welcome to the players, management, coaches and supporters of Rugby St Andrews RFC, our opponents today.

St Andrews currently sit 2nd in the league table, level on points with the current league leaders Shipston RFC. With our 1st XV in 3rd place just 2 points behind, I look forward to an exciting game today played in the right spirit. St Andrews were run away 41-22 victors back in October so OLs 1st XV are looking to avenge that defeat and notch our 8th win from our last 9 league games.

We'd also like to welcome 2 cap Spencer Brown of Rugby St Andrews who played two matches for England in 1998.

In addition to today's big match please join us tomorrow to support our Under 15s as they take on Kenilworth in the Warwickshire Cup Semi Final. 11.45am KO pitch 3.

Date for your diary - 17th March

Come down to the Crofts for a St Patricks Day 6 Nations special. Guinness & Irish Stew!!!

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Midlands 3 West (South)

#	Team	Pt	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	P	Pt	Diff	Pts	Ad	Recent Form
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2	Rugby St Andrews	13	5	0	1	4	0	3	9	0	4	334	225	109	46	10	W W W W W
3	Old Leamingtonians	13	5	0	1	4	0	3	9	0	4	404	247	157	44	8	W W W L W
4	Old Coventrians	13	5	0	2	3	1	2	8	1	4	357	250	107	44	10	L W W W W
5	Ladbury	13	6	0	1	3	0	3	9	0	4	290	252	58	40	4	W W L W W
6	Alcester	13	5	0	2	2	0	4	7	0	6	319	250	68	38	10	W L W W L
7	Dunlop	13	5	1	1	2	0	4	7	1	5	233	236	-3	38	8	L L W L W
8	Woodrush	12	4	0	1	2	0	5	6	0	6	233	225	7	28	4	W L L L L
9	Upton-on-Avon	12	2	0	4	2	0	4	4	0	8	229	369	-120	22	6	L L L L W
10	Minor Park	13	2	1	4	1	0	5	3	1	9	234	401	-167	21	7	L L L L W
11	Bromyard	13	2	0	5	1	0	5	3	0	10	195	295	-100	12	0	L W L L W
12	Old Wootton Bassett	13	0	0	6	1	0	6	1	0	12	191	452	-261	9	3	L L L L L

MATCH REPORTS

League: Midlands 3 West (South)

Fixture: Old Wheatleyans RFC 1st XV v Old Leamingtonians RFC 1st XV

Venue: Norman Place Road, Coventry

Result: Old Wheatleyans RFC 1st XV 12 - 68 Old Leamingtonians RFC 1st XV

Old Leamingtonians Blitz Old Wheatleyans

In a ten try bonanza OLs moved up to 3rd place in the Midlands 3 West (South) League with a convincing win to keep a run of good form going.

The first five minutes of the game belonged to the home side with early pressure on the Old Leamingtonians defences but after five minutes a loose pass from Old Wheatleys was intercepted by OLs fly half Bradley James who ran the length of the pitch to touch down and open the scoring.

The try was not converted but from the restart OLs took control of the game and constant pressure on the home defence saw Old Wheatleys concede a penalty in front of the posts which James converted. By now the home defence was beleaguered and with the OLs forwards creating space and depth into the Old Wheatleys 22 metre area, the OLs back row forwards had a field day and a hat trick of first half tries followed for Felix Heath. Plus one from Winger Liam Wellings

OLs finished the first half with a lead of 28 points to nil.

The second half opened with a try almost immediately for the home side. From the kick off the ball was sent deep into the OLs 22 and when it was allowed to bounce the Old Wheatleys winger collected the loose ball and crossed in the corner for a converted try. This was however a small setback for the dominant OLs who responded with relentless assault on the home defence and a series of forward drives saw the OLs



forwards moving closer and closer to the home goal line. Time and time again Old Wheatleys attempted deliberate try-stopping infringement which eventually the referee penalised with a seven point OLs penalty try.

OLs also converted a second penalty.

After this the floodgates opened and tries for the Old Leamingtonians followed at regular intervals. Prop Forward Richard Lenton scored twice, Liam Wellings also scored as did and full back Ciaran O'Connor when he provided an overlap to claim a try when the ball was thrown along the threequarters.

It was a day when the forwards completely dominated; scoring six of the ten tries. 5 of the tries were converted and one conversion was from the penalty try which did not need kicking to lift the OLs score to 68 points.

Old Wheatleys never gave up trying but their defence was unable to cope with the OLs superior strength and skill. They did manage a second converted consolation try mid-way through the second half making the score 68 - 12 but it was clearly OLs day with a win that entertained the travelling support and moved the team within two points of the top place.

There is a free week next week but the following week sees OLs entertain Rugby St Andrews who currently hold top place – kick off 2.15pm.

Report provide by Den Fisher
Photos by Nick Crighton



MATCH REPORTS

League: Midlands 3 West (South)

Fixture: Shelford Ladies RFC 1st XV v Old Leamingtonians RFC 1st XV

Venue: The Davey Field, Great Shelford

Result: Shelford Ladies RFC 1st XV 75-0 Old Leamingtonians RFC 1st XV

Old Leamingtonians travelled away for their first game of 2018. A commendable performance from Shelford just wasn't enough to stop OLs from putting 13 tries past them bringing the overall score to 75-0 to Old Leamingtonians.

The first try was scored by captain Jen Vermeulen after a break from Centre Hannah Trenholm a quick take from the ruck gave Vermeulen all she needed to run through and place the ball on the try line only a minute and a half into the game.

5 minutes in and a scrum is formed 10 metres from Shelfords try line, OLs won the scrum the ball is shipped to Centre Hatty Cumber who smashes through the defensive line to score Old Leams second try of the match.

Another strong attack from OLs with the forwards hitting down the centre of the pitch with a few phase plays – eventually number 8 Kyra Gleeson pushes her way through to the try line, bringing the score to 15-0.

Vermeulen breaks through Shelfords defensive line bringing OLs back into Shelfords 22 where a few forward phases occur with the ball soon getting out to the backs where Trenholm evades the defence and brings in another OLs try – scrum half Ffion Davies-Cale successfully converts.

A formidable defence from Old Leams pushes the attacking Shelford back into their 22, with OLs then pushing Shelford into touch awarding them with a lineout. Winning the lineout the ball then travels through the backs hands and finds its way to Vermeulen scoring her second try of the match.

Flanker Leah Heath steals the ball from a Shelford line out the ball is shipped to fly half Lois Moulding who exploits the gap in Shelfords scattered defence and brings in the final try of the first half.

Old Leams kick off to start the second half; a turnover ball puts OLs back in attack. A couple of quick set plays push Shelford back with Moulding soon receiving the ball and again exploiting the gaps of a reeling Shelford.



Davies-Cale kicks another successful conversion.

Exploiting the gaps in Shelfords line Trenholm scores her second try of the match. Christina Walding playing her first match for Old Leams receives the ball out on the wing, outrunning the opposition players Walding cuts back in to place the ball under the posts. Another successful conversion from Davies-Cale.

A break in the line from Heath who runs from OLs half to mere centre metres from Shelfords try line before she's taken down by the defence, however Gleeson finishes the job with a quick pick up and a dive over the try line. Converted by Davies-Cale bringing the score to 57-0 to Old Leams.

Strong run from Ffion places OLs back into Shelfords 22, a quick ball from the ruck is passed to the backs and is received by full back Nat Greaves who scores in the corner.

Moulding scores her third try of the match by breaking through Shelfords defence and Davies-Cale successfully converts.

Davies-Cale scores the final try of the match followed by a successful conversion making the final score 75-0 to Old Leamingtonian ladies.

Back of match: Nat Greaves
Forward of the match: Carrie Steadman

Report provided by Mikala Raines

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

A warm welcome to all to The Crofts today particularly our guests from Rugby St Andrews and the match official.

The two teams go head to head again today with Rugby St Andrews unbeaten in their last 5 outings whilst OLs have 4 wins from their last 5, the narrow defeat at Ledbury being their only blemish. It should therefore be a fairly intense encounter with both clubs challenging for top spot in the league, however I am sure that Shipston on Stour may think differently. OLs will be seeking to avenge the result of their trip to Hillmorton back in October when they shipped 30 points in an uncharacteristic error strewn second half having been competitive in the first 40 minutes. Best of luck to both teams today with the ground conditions even here at The Crofts under some strain due to the recent weather.

On the wider league front our near neighbours Kenilworth and Leamington seem to be having reasonable seasons in Midlands West 2, although I note that both clubs were handed heavy beatings in their last respective outings against Evesham and Malvern. Kenilworth's defeat at the hands of Evesham came as a bit of a surprise. Southam have not had it all their own way this season and are 4 wins from 13 outings. Our old adversaries Old Yardleians seem to have come unstuck this season with a string of 13 consecutive defeats which makes them relegation front-runners already.

In the league below, Midlands West 4 South, both Claverdon and Harbury lie in mid table but appear safe for another season while leaders Stoke Old Boys continue to impress with 12 wins from their 12 games. Second place Bedworth are also doing well after their difficulties last season and seem to be playing some good rugby with a points difference of 302 from their 12 games.



Stratford RFC also lie mid table in the Wadworth 6X South West 1 East league, a bigger mouthful than our own league title I'm sure you'll agree, having won 7 of 15 games to date. This league would seem to require more time on the bus than on the pitch for most away matches!

Whatever the result today I hope that everybody enjoys their day with us at The Crofts.

Mike Hemming
Old Leamingtonians President



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TODAY'S SQUADS

Today's referee is: Mr Kieran Bowerbank

Club colours: Gold and Royal hoops

OLD LEAMINGTONIANS 1ST XV

- 1 Kai Cott
- 2 Reece Jones (Captain)
- 3 Bill Johnson
- 4 Joe Talamini
- 5 Hugh Melhuish
- 6 Felix Heath
- 7 Tom Smith
- 8 Sam Brittain
- 9 Toby Lord (Vice Captain)
- 10 Brad James
- 11 Liam Wellings
- 12 Simon Hemming
- 13 David Canning
- 14 Tom Eales
- 15 Ciaran O'Connor

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 Craig Ellis
- 17 Ollie Wright
- 18 Rhys Cory

Chairman of Rugby:	Craig Ellis
First Team Manager:	Currently vacant
Coaches:	Scott Conduit, Adam Canning and Craig Ellis

RUGBY ST ANDREWS 1ST XV

- Keith Ister
- Gary Curtis
- Steve Young
- Dan Hull
- Scott Randall
- Kristen Enefer
- Grant Taylor
- Kyle Smith
- Dave Rudd
- Ryan Taylor
- Spencer Brown
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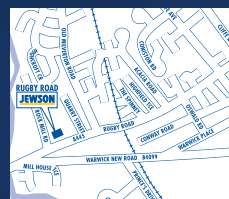
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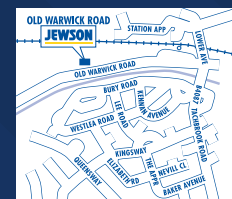
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SECTION NEWS

News from the M&J Section:



We have a number of home and away fixtures scheduled this Sunday, please come down to the club and support the Under 15s in the Warwickshire cup semi final - best of luck to them.

Our grounds and pitches are still suffering badly with all the wet weather so please bare with us whilst we try and keep as many fixtures on as possible.

Our primary concern is the SAFETY AND WELFARE of all players, visitors and officials, this sometimes leads to us having to make difficult decisions cancelling games. Please be **assured everyone at the club is committed to keeping the playing and training schedules on track.**

This Sunday **Sarah and the Under 6s team are on kitchen and car park duty**, it's their first duty so please give them a warm welcome and lend a hand if needed. Please encourage people to car share where possible because **the bottom field is very wet and will only be open for 4x4 vehicles.**

The schedule of games is as follows, **pitch one and two are out of action due to pitch conditions** so we've moved scheduled around to accommodate all games on pitches 3 & 4

U7-U12 — Broadstreet Away

U13 vs Stourbridge Home **10.30am KO. Pitch 4**

U16 vs Stourbridge Home **10.30am KO. Pitch 3**

U15 vs Kenilworth Warwickshire Cup Semi Final 11.45am KO. Pitch 3

U14 vs Stourbridge Away

The **M&J social events are in full swing**, I attended the very successful race night last Friday (well done to Tim and his team for organising).

Below is a summary of the upcoming events, next up this Saturday night is the famous Kilpatrick Curry & Quiz evening!

Saturday 27th January - Caribbean Quiz & Chilli Night, organised by Under 10s

Friday 2nd February - Race Night, organised by Under 12s

Sunday 4th February - England vs Italy 6 nations, afternoon kick off

Saturday 17th March - St Patricks Day 6 nations special, Eng vs Ire 1445, £5 for Guinness & Stew, Tickets available

Friday 18th May - Summer Black Tie Ball with TOM BARNWELL, real tennis club Leamington Spa - Tickets available

Fri/Sat/Sun 11th,12th,13th May, Rugby4Heroes 10 Year Special, fantastic event for all the family - Tickets & Camping/Glamping available

Good luck to all teams this weekend, stay safe, keep dry and wrap up warm !

Lucas Wager
Mini and Junior Chairman

News from the Colts Section:

The Colts suffered their first defeat of the season, going down 22 - 17 at Dudley Kingswinford in the National U18 Cup. A slow start from the visitors saw DKs take an early 10 - 0 lead but OLs grew into the game, and led 17 - 10 into the second half. DKs rallied any proved too strong, earning a narrow win. Good luck to them in the next round! Thanks to the Club for providing a coach!

The League programme continues to be successful, and the Colts remain top of the pile, with a five point lead over Old Coventrians, who have a game in hand. The postponed match with OCs is likely to be rescheduled for 24 March; this may well decide the future of the League trophy!

The Warwickshire U18 Cup draw was not particularly kind to OLs [thanks Mike Hemming!] as we travel to Newbold on 3 February for the ONLY First Round match - all other teams receiving a bye! The winners will be at home to Kenilworth later in February.

Rich Pettifer - Colts

SPONSORSHIP NEWS

Senior Section - Player Sponsors Update:

OLRFC 1st XV Player sponsorship is gathering pace with support from many of clubs supporters. Individual Player Sponsors are as follows:

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If you are interested in sponsoring a player please see Reece Jones 1st XV Captain.

We are always looking for new support particularly for the U6s, U7s, U9s, U11s, and U15s. Please contact Jonny Shipton on 07476 405215 or Mike Vallance 07545 602029 if you are interested in supporting.

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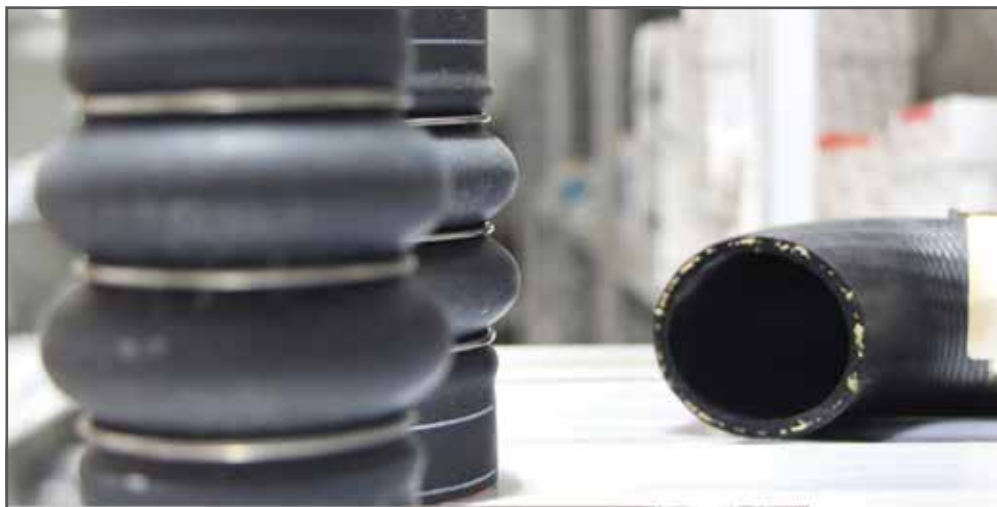


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