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Saturday, March 10th, 2018 | Old Leamingtonians Vs Bromyard RFC 3.00pm KO



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# WELCOME

Welcome to Old Leamingtonians, and a special welcome to the players, management and coaches of Bromyard, our opponents today.

I would like to thank all our Patrons for their continued support and hope that they and all their guests who are attending the second patrons lunch this season enjoy their day.

The season returns to later kick off time now that spring is here, although after the weather and cancellations of last weekend that seems a little optimistic. The First team squad are back in form following a 42-12 home victory over Upton on Severn in February and we hope for more running rugby today.

Some of the lads enjoyed a little down time on tour in early March visiting Butlin's in Minehead for an 80's weekend, many thanks to Cawail Wong for organising it, for the third year running. Thanks also to Ollie Scott for the usual idiosyncratic tour shirts and to Jason Ashley for arranging the game. Jason is currently heading towards his own milestone with a retirement game on his fiftieth birth, OL's v Tired Old Tigers on 24th March. This will be his 12th game for 12 clubs in 12 weeks raising money for charity along the way. Last week's fixture when he should have played for Shottery was interrupted by the bad weather, so when he plays for Copswood next week he will play for both sides to even things up.

In other news a reminder to all senior players that the Club dinner is on April 27th, please see Craig Ellis for tickets. Please make a note in your diaries and as we move into the final stages of the season, I hope we will have much to celebrate.

All that remains to be said is please support the players and officials in the true OL tradition, enjoy the game and as always, please join us in the bar after the game.

**Phil Eales Chairman**



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### Midlands 3 West (South)

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2.	Shipston-on-Stour	16	6	0	1	5	1	3	11	1	4	429	277	152	56	10	W L W W W
3.	Old Leamingtonians	16	6	0	2	5	0	3	11	0	5	484	300	184	54	10	W W L W W
4.	Old Coventrians	16	6	0	3	4	1	2	10	1	5	418	300	118	53	10	W W L L W
5.	Ledbury	16	7	0	2	3	0	4	10	0	6	357	294	63	47	7	W L L W W
6.	Alcester	16	6	0	2	3	0	5	9	0	7	367	297	70	46	10	L W W W L
7.	Dunlop	16	6	1	1	2	0	6	8	1	7	277	320	-43	42	7	L L W L L
8.	Woodrush	16	6	0	1	2	0	7	8	0	8	306	320	-14	37	5	L W W L W
9.	Massor Park	16	4	1	4	1	0	6	5	1	10	265	497	-172	30	7	W L W L L
10.	Upton-on-Severn	16	3	0	5	2	0	7	4	0	12	252	497	-185	22	6	L L L L L
11.	Bromyard	16	3	0	5	1	0	7	4	0	12	223	315	-92	18	2	L W L L W
12.	Old Wheatleyans	16	1	0	7	1	0	7	2	0	14	247	557	-310	15	7	L L W L L



# MATCH REPORTS

League: Midlands 3 West (South) Saturday 17th February 2018

Fixture: Old Leamingtonians RFC 1st XV v Upton on Severn RFC 1st XV

Venue: The Crofts, Bericote Road

Result: Old Leamingtonians RFC 1st XV 42 - 12 Upton on Severn RFC 1st XV

Old Leamingtonians continued their run of good form with a 6 try victory over a well drilled Upton side that competed strongly but couldn't cope with the fast running OLs three-quarters or create enough structured moves to penetrate the strong home defence.

The game kicked off with OLs taking early control and after only five minutes of play Upton infringed inside the 22 metre area to concede a penalty that fly half Henry Reynolds converted to open the scoring. Upton hit back and from a deep kick-off the game was played inside the home 22 metre area and within a further two minutes the visitors had crossed the home goal line for a converted try. This score, against the run of early play, spurred OLs on and the game pressure was now back on Upton. The OL forwards were using the pick and drive game to good effect well into the opposition half and from a well won ruck inside the 22 metre area the ball was quickly fed along the line for centre David Canning to cross for the first of OLs tries on the 12 minute mark. The conversion was pushed wide but the home side were back in front at 8 - 7.

The match evened out for the next period play but despite Upton winning good ball the OLs cover defence was a match for all that was thrown at them and on the 20 minute mark, similar forward pressure that led to the first try saw OLs well into the opposing 22 metre area before full back Bradley James came into the line and forced his way over for try number two. Henry Reynolds added the conversion to make the score 15 - 7.

The game was now being dictated by OLs and further pressure on the visiting defence enabled another forward drive following a line out on the 5 metre line that ended with scrum half Mark Foley collecting the ball and being forced over by the pack for try number three. This try was converted by Henry Reynolds. With half time approaching further pressure saw OLs again in a strong attacking position and second row Joe Tallamini



collected a pass and ran through the visitors defence to touch down try number 4. The conversion attempt was pushed wide but a penalty in front of the posts converted by Henry Reynolds saw OLs into the half way park with a lead of 30 points to 7 and a bonus point in the bag.

The second half saw Upton with wind and sun advantage and the game was equally shared for the first 20 minutes and it was the visitors that opened the second half scoring with a well-constructed and well taken unconverted try wide out on the right of the field.

This try again spurred OLs into a higher gear and the game swung back into the Upton half of the field. The OLs forwards were gaining control and the free running OLs three-quarters were moving the ball amongst themselves well and it was only desperate defence by Upton that prevented a number of tries being scored. The fifth OLs try did come from a period of attack well into the Upton 22 area when the ball was quickly fed out from the forwards and a well-judged cross field kick saw full back Bradley James collect and cut through the retreating Upton defence to touch down. The conversion was missed.

With five minutes to go OLs continued to dominate both in attack and defence and another period of solid forward play took the ball well into the Upton 22 and from a loose kick out of defence the ball was collected by Bradley James who ran into the Upton defence before slipping the ball inside to winger Ciaran O'Connor who ran in touch down for try number 6 beneath the posts. The added conversion by Henry Reynolds saw the game end on a solid performance from OLs with a 42 points to 12 victory.

Photos by Tim Nunan

1. David Canning on way to scoring
2. Ciaran O'Connor

Report provide by Den Fisher



# MATCH REPORTS

League: Championship Midlands 2 (Women's Intermediate Cup game)

Fixture: Old Leamingtonians RFC 1st XV v Bury St Edmunds Foxes 1st XV

Venue: The Crofts, Bericote Road

Result: Old Leamingtonians RFC 1st XV 12 - 15 Bury St Edmunds Foxes 1st XV

**Old Leamingtonian Ladies fall short in Quarter Final Cup Clash.**

It was a game of two halves as Old Leamingtonian ladies went up against Bury St Edmunds Foxes in the Quarter Final of the Women's intermediate cup this weekend. Both sides determined for a win however Bury St Edmunds came out on top by the skin of their teeth with the full time score standing at 12 - 15 to Bury St Edmunds Foxes.

A slow and shaky first half from Old Leamingtonians gave Bury St Edmunds the edge and allowed them to put 2 tries past a weary OLs side. Pushing back in an attempt for a try wasn't enough for Old Leams to put points on the board in the first half. The half time score stood at 10 - 0 in favour of Bury St Edmunds.

Old Leamingtonians seemed to wake up in time for the start of the second half. A strong defence from the kick led to a turn over ball and put OLs on the attack. Quick reactions and a bombardment of forwards into the Foxes defensive line put Old Leams only metres away from Foxes try line. Second row Charlie Stephens finished the formidable attack reaching over the try line and scoring Old Leams first points of the match, Captain Jen Vermeulen kicked a very impressive conversion putting OLs only 3 points behind Bury St Edmunds(7-10).

OLs continued a determined attack with a continued assault on the Foxes defensive line. Eventually their perseverance paid off with Vermeulen receiving the ball and powering through to bring in Old Leamingtonians second try of the match and putting OLs in the lead with a 12-10 score.

Both teams pushed hard determined for a win however after a bit of back and fourth rugby Bury St Edmunds took advantage of a small blunder from OLs allowing them to take back possession of the ball and evade a shambled defensive line to score their 3rd try of the match.

Old Leamingtonians responded with a big attack, finding themselves camped in St Bury Edmunds 22 - Vermeulen got over the line but much to OLs disappointment the



ball was held up. Old Leamingtonians easily won the scrum 5 metres away from Foxes try line, however Foxes managed to turn over the ball yet knocking it on when tackled which brought the match to its end. The final score stood at 12 - 15 to Bury St Edmunds Foxes.

**Back of match: Liz Kennedy**  
**Forward of the match: Charlie Stephens**

Report provided by Mikala Raines



# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Welcome to everybody today on the occasion of our second Patrons Lunch of the season and a 1st team home league encounter against Bromyard, while our 3rds entertain Manor Park 2nds.

My particular welcome to our guests from Bromyard and to the match officials for today's games.

The late winter weather of the last couple of weeks has meant that most clubs are now behind with their league programme so we are pleased to be able to entertain our Herefordshire league opponents here today. In our away fixture earlier in the season Bromyard proved to be tough opponents when playing at home and we came away with the spoils in a topsy-turvy affair. Since then Bromyard, despite their current position in the league have had mixed fortunes but a good home win against their local rivals Ledbury in February has improved their points tally such that a win for them today would see them either close the gap on Upton on Severn or even jump a league position should Upton themselves lose.

Up until the enforced break our team had been doing well with a superb away win at Shipston and a bonus point win against Upton on Severn. We would want to continue in this vein to the end of the season and thereby keep pressure on the both Shipston and Rugby St Andrews who sit above us.

I am pleased that our Colts team has progressed in the Warwickshire Cup Competition following a good win against near neighbours Kenilworth a fortnight ago and will unfortunately now face old rivals and current league contenders Old Coventrians Colts away at Tile Hill Lane in the forthcoming semi-final.

Our Ladies lost narrowly against Bury St Edmunds in their National Cup fixture last month but the way they played was indicative of a team who are keen to contest every game. We hope that even this loss can provide the Ladies with a spring board in their league fortunes for the rest of the season.



Once again Dennis Fisher has attracted some 80+ people to lunch prior to today's game and I trust that they will lend their well lubricated vocal support to our boys this afternoon. Whatever the outcome of today's fixtures I hope everybody enjoys their day at The Crofts.

**Mike Hemming**  
Old Leamingtonians President



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# TODAY'S SQUADS

Today's referee is: Rob Hunter

Club colours: Gold and Royal hoops

## OLD LEAMINGTONIANS 1ST XV

- 1 Bill Johnson
- 2 Chris Huckvale
- 3 Reece Jones (Captain)
- 4 Joe Talamini
- 5 Rhys Cory
- 6 Peter Nancarrow
- 7 Tom Smith
- 8 Felix Heath
- 9 Mark Foley
- 10 Henry Reynolds
- 11 Liam Wellings
- 12 Simon Hemming
- 13 Dave Canning
- 14 Ciaran O'Connor
- 15 Brad James

## REPLACEMENTS

- 16 Craig Ellis
- 17 Sam Brittan
- 18 Adam Stannard

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

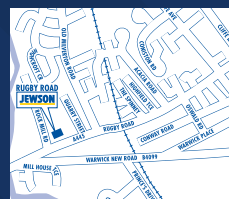
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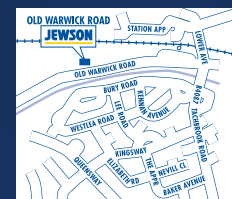
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# SECTION NEWS

News from the M&J Section:



This Sunday we are delighted to be hosting Rugby St Andrews and Trentham at home for our Under 15s and Under 16s teams. These are two great teams that I'm sure will give us a great game of rugby, I'm very much looking forward to welcoming them to the Crofts.

The under 14s are playing their Warwickshire Cup Semi Final match away against Stratford, good luck to them, they have a cracking final in store on April 15th if they succeed in winning against Stratford.

I was delighted to see that Kenilworth School Under 15s recently progressed to the RFU Schools final at Twickenham on 14th March with Jamie Rome from our Under 15s team playing in the team, good luck to them at Twickenham.

**Lucas Wager**  
Mini and Junior Chairman

## M&J Events & Activities

**Saturday 17th March - St Patricks Day 6 nations special, England vs Ireland 1445 kick off**

**Friday 18th May - Summer Black Tie Ball, Real tennis club**

**Sunday 13th May - Rugby4Heroes Minis Day**

**Weds 29th-31st Aug - Wasps Rugby Camp, Old Leamingtonians**

**Weds 4th-5th April - Warriors Rugby Camp, Old Leamingtonians**

## Date for your diary - 17th March

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

**Italy vs Scotland 12:30**

**England vs Ireland 14:45**

**Wales vs France 17:00**

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