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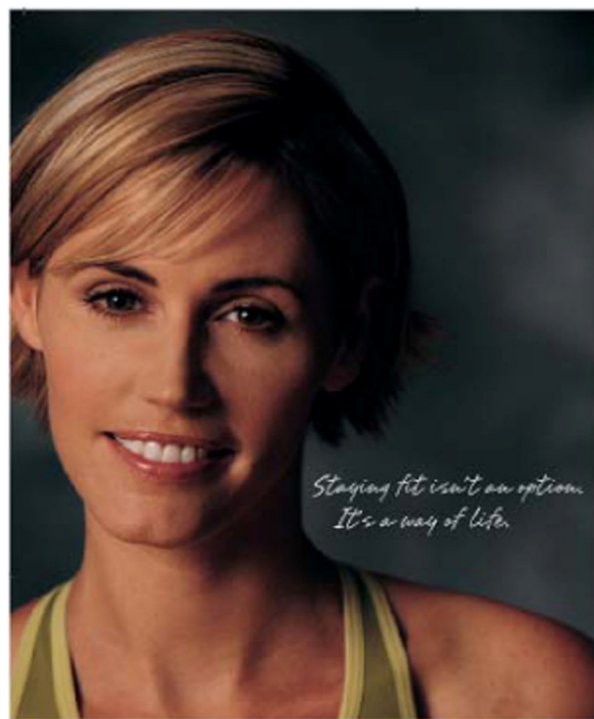
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1st XV Fixtures & Results

Date		Opponents	Venue	Type	Result	
Month	Day				+	-
September	6	Lutterworth	A	F	34	22
September	13	Droitwich	H	L	32	12
September	20	Kidderminster	A	L	31	14
September	27	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	H	L	49	17
October	4	Spartans	A	L	27	6
October	11	Newbold on Avon	H	L	18	13
October	18	Tamworth (EDF SV)	A	SV	37	14
October	25	Leamington	A	L	15	41
November	1	Old Coventrians	H	L	20	0
November	8	Barkers Butts	H	L	15	17
November	15	Silhillians	A	L	23	20
November	22	Lichfield (EDF SV)	H	SV	36	31
November	29	Earlsdon	H	L	11	23
December	6	Berkswell & Balsall	A	L	16	6
December	13	Leicester Forest	H	SV		
December	20	Silhillians	H	L		
December	26	<i>Inter Club Game</i>				
January	3	Old Coventrians	A	W		
January	10	Barkers Butts	A	L		
January	17	<i>EDF Senior Vase</i>		SV		
January	24	Old Coventrians	A	L		
January	31	Leamington	H	L		
February	7	Market Bosworth	A	F		
February	14	Newbold on Avon	A	L		
February	21	Spartans	H	L		
February	28	<i>EDF Senior Vase QF</i>		SV		
March	7	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	A	L		
March	14	Kidderminster	H	L		
March	21	Metropolis RFC, USA	H	F		
March	28	Droitwich	A	L		
April	4	Berkswell & Balsall	H	L		
April	11	Market Bosworth	H	F		
April	18	Earlsdon	L	A		
April	25					

Fixture Key

Friendly = F, Midlands 3 West South = L, Warwickshire Cup = W, Senior Vase = SV

Welcome to Fenley Field



As Chairman of the Old Laurentian RFC and on behalf of our members it gives me great pleasure to welcome you here to Fenley Field, the home of OLRFC since 1946. Founded in 1919, we are now in our 90th season and have remained faithful to the ethos of our founders, proud to say we are still an amateur club where enjoyment of this great game comes first.

Today we play host to **Leicester Forest RFC** in the 4th Round (Midlands) of the EDF Energy Senior Vase and

we are pleased to welcome their players, officials and supporters to Fenley Field. We hope you enjoy your visit.

This is a step further than we have previously gone in the Senior Vase and after today's game the winners will be only two matches away from the quarter finals of the competition.

We are also particularly delighted to welcome today's referee, **John Kelly**, who is on an exchange visit to Warwickshire. The game could not be staged without him, so please respect his decisions and make him feel welcome to our club and to Warwickshire.

We have reached the half way mark of the 2008/09 league season already, and despite my pessimism about the law changes we have had a great season so far, having made it through to this stage of the EDF Senior Vase as well as leading the league table for a large part of the season.

Our players and coaching staff appear to have got it right straight away as all our teams are performing well. Personally, I really enjoyed our local derby game against Newbold. We estimated upward of 600 spectators watched a closely contested match in glorious autumnal sunshine. OLs prevailed after a strong second half performance and we look forward to the return match on St Valentine's Day. I'm not expecting a massacre but I doubt there will be any love lost - put it in your diary.

We hope you have a memorable day today for all the right reasons and please feel free to use the clubhouse and bar as our bar manager Andie and her staff prefer to be kept busy.

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2nd & 3rd XV - Fixtures & Results

			2nd XV			3rd XV		
				+	-		+	-
Sept	6	W	Old Coventrians	A	Post	Long Buckby (F)	H	7 12
Sept	13	W	Old Coventrians	A	48 34	Harbury II (L)	H	24 7
Sept	20	L	Kenilworth	H	10 64	Coventrians (L)	A	75 7
Sept	27	L	Nuneaton Old Eds	A	17 34	Kenilworth III (L) *	H	20 0
Oct	4	L	Spartans	H	70 17	Stoke Old Boys (L)	A	3 0
Oct	11	L	Newbold on Avon	A	0 16	Spartans III (L)	H	78 0
Oct	18	W	Stratford upon Avon	H	26 16	M Harboro' Vets (F)	H	Canc
Oct	25	L	Leamington	H	11 22	Bedworth Bears (L)	A	45 0
Nov	1	L	Old Coventrians	A	5 22	Manor Park (L)	H	36 24
Nov	8	L	Barkers Butts	A	15 24	Old Coventrians III (L)	A	57 12
Nov	15	L	Silhillians	H	46 12	Broadstreet III (L)	H	20 8
Nov	22	W	Kenilworth	A	27 39	Towcestrians (F)	A	25 12
Nov	29	L	Earlsdon	A	0 21	Leamington III (L) **	H	0 20
Dec	6	L	Stratford	H	57 0	Coventry Welsh (L)	A	27 14
Dec	13	C	Southam	A		Shipston (F)	A	
Dec	20	L	Silhillians	A		Broadstreet III (L)	A	
Dec	26		INTER CLUB GAME					
Jan	3	F	Towcestrians	A		Towcestrians (F)	A	
Jan	10	L	Barkers Butts	H		Old Coventrians III (L)	H	
Jan	17	F	Harbury 1	A		Old Leamingtonians (F)	H	
Jan	24	L	Old Coventrians	H		Manor Park (L)	A	
Jan	31	L	Leamington	A		Bedworth Bears (L)	H	
Feb	7	F	Market Bosworth	H		M Harboro' Vets (F)	A	
Feb	14	L	Newbold on Avon	H		Spartans III (L)	A	
Feb	21	L	Spartans	A		Stoke Old Boys (L)	H	
Feb	28	L	Kenilworth	A		Shipston (F)	H	
March	7	L	Nuneaton Old Eds	H		Kenilworth III (L)	A	
March	14					Coventrians (L)	H	
March	21	F	Metropolis RFC, USA	H		Metropolis RFC, USA	H	
March	28	L	Broadstreet	H		Harbury II (L)	A	
April	4	L	Stratford	A		Coventry Welsh (L)	H	
April	11	F	Market Bosworth	A		Market Bosworth (F)	A	
April	18	L	Earlsdon	H		Leamington III (L)	A	
April	25					Long Buckby (F)	A	

Key: League (Warwicks 1 or 3) = L; Friendly =F; Warwickshire 2nd XV Cup = W, Clonmel Cup = C

* Match forfeited by Kenilworth so OLs take 4 league points and a 20-0 win

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Since 1997 the club has prospered both on and off the pitch and regularly field three senior teams, a veterans team and a colts team.

The club also runs flourishing mini and junior sides and every Sunday during the season the pitches are a mass of blue jerseys having fun, keeping fit and learning about team work. They have also become the home of Forest Ladies, a progressive girls side.

Leicester Forest boast excellent facilities, located on Hinckley Road, to the west of the city. They have installed floodlights on their new pitch, so they can host county and evening games, making Forest one of the leading clubs in Leicester.

Forest is proud to support the local community, providing facilities for schools rugby events. Strong links exist with Leicester Tigers to whom they have provided players for development squads. Some have become regular members of the first team, like Ollie Smith and Sam Vesty.

Forest play their league rugby in Midlands 3 East (South), the parallel league to OLS, and currently lie in ninth spot with a W3, L8 record. Last Saturday they went down by the narrowest of margins (27-29) to Banbury.

They reached the 4th round of the Senior Vase with good wins over sides in the higher reaches of Midlands 4, Market Rasen & Louth (23-17) and Dunlop (34-17).

We are pleased to welcome Leicester Forest here today, players, officials and supporters. We hope they enjoy the day, regardless of the outcome.



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Next home league match

Midlands 3 West (South)

v Silhillians

Saturday 20th December, kick off 2.15pm

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In case you hadn't heard, the winner of the special Christmas prize of £500 in the 200 Club is **Dan Volkman**. Who's going to be the popular one in the bar tonight?!

Boks Go Home

Next Saturday, 20th December, stay around for the farewell party for our favourite Springboks, Mawande Sinyakanyaka (aka Randy) and Ross Tonkin. They are returning to South Africa shortly after fifteen months teaching at Bilton Grange School and both will be missed. Just make sure you recommend OLs to your successors, guys! Full details of the event will be found on posters in the clubhouse.

Stats Corner

A glance at the table later in this programme will show that Danny Orr has jumped back into the lead in the race to be this season's leading points scorer. Now on 138 points, he leads Kevin White by six as a result of his 27 points for the 2nds against Stratford last week, a haul that included a full house of scores. Danny is now in the (possibly?) unique position of leading the points scoring table for both the first and second teams.

In the same match, Richard Parker notched a hat trick of tries and is now the club's leading try scorer with ten. But look out for Rich Hughes – his four try haul for the thirds against Coventry Welsh pushes him up to equal 3rd place in that table with seven, alongside Simon Bayliss, Jamie Brightwell and the evergreen Kev White. No-one will need reminding that Simon Bayliss reached his total by the end of September, before being laid low by injury. We look forward to seeing Simon back in try scoring action some time in the new year.

Children's Christmas Party

This ever popular event will be on Christmas Eve, 24th December. See the posters in the club for details and get your tickets from Sarah Palmer or Sharon Price.

The Local Scene

After ending London Scottish's 100% record with an 18-18 draw in their previous game, **Rugby Lions** then held 4th placed Henley Hawks to 20-20, to extend their unbeaten run to seven games in National 3 South and the EDF National Trophy.

Two weeks ago, **Kenilworth** beat Luctonians by 25-12 to inflict just the second defeat this season on the Midlands 1 league leaders; but then fell from grace by losing 25-13 to Peterborough, a side below them in the table. **Broadstreet** now stand alone in 2nd place in that league after good wins over Hinckley and South Leicester.

In Midlands 2 (W), **Stratford** have suffered successive defeats, but both were against sides flying high in the league, Dudley Kingswinford and Hereford. Burton still lead the way in that league.

In Midlands 3 East (S), **Lutterworth** are in 6th spot with a W5, L6 record and sit three places above Leicester Forest, our opponents today.

Rugby St Andrews hold a very respectable fourth place in Midlands 4 East (S), despite losing to Bedford Swifts last weekend. The previous week they had lowered the colours of the high flying **Daventry** side. In the same league, **Long Buckby** are rooted winless at the bottom and are really struggling as a club. They have been granted special RFU dispensation to withdraw from their last three league matches, their problem stemming, amongst other things, from an acute shortage of front row forwards.

Midlands 6 West (SE) 100% leaders **Rugby Welsh** now hold a two point advantage over second side Alcester and are five points ahead of the third placed club.

Southam continue to struggle in Midlands 4 West (S), just two places off the bottom.

Harbury are top of Midlands 5 West (S), leading Redditch on points difference with 3rd placed Coventry Welsh five points adrift of the leaders.

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Earlier Action – 29th November

Midlands 3 West (South)

Old Laurentians 11 – Earlsdon 23

OLs performance matched the grey, cold and depressing weather on Saturday before they finally started to play in the last twenty five minutes, by which time a committed, well organised Earlsdon team were in no mood to surrender the match winning lead they had built. As a result, Laurentians surrendered league leadership for the first time this season, now trailing new leaders Leamington on points difference.

By half time Earlsdon had established a 20-3 lead, going ahead when they carved open a badly aligned OL's defence for their first try, then seizing on a poorly executed chip kick to run in from halfway. Fly half Scott added both conversions and kicked two penalties to a single Denzil Evans penalty in reply.

The visitors played as a much more coherent unit, creating problems for OLs in the scrums and making life difficult for them in the lineouts, forcing the home side to play with limited possession.

Evans pegged the score back with a second half penalty before his opposite number replied to restore his side's lead at 6-23. Then OLs came alive and for the last quarter took the game to their opponents, but their efforts were thwarted by outstanding Earlsdon defence. The visitors were happy to concede a string of penalties, knowing that OLs needed tries to bridge the gap, and were fortunate to escape further sanctions from a lenient referee.

The try finally came after yet another penalty award, Earlsdon expecting a charge by OLs' pack when the ball was switched left to Iain Wallis. Given a sight of the line, the centre was not going to be denied from fifteen metres out.

Earlsdon held on for the final minutes to deny OLs any further scores and deservedly take the league points. For OLs, Glenn Todd was always in the thick of the action, Iain Wallis contributed his usual quota of crunching tackles and Chris Reed looked lively when he came on as a second half replacement. But the side urgently needs the return of injured skipper Carl Adams to provide leadership and stiffen the forward effort.

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Match Report – 6th December

Midlands 3 West (South)

Berkswell & Balsall 6 - Old Laurentians 16

Laurentians cleared a potentially tricky hurdle on a sloping gluepot of a pitch that seriously inhibited the free running style they prefer. The playing surface blended in well with the surrounding agricultural land and the home side's game was based on a style that matched it.

Skipper Carl Adams returned to the fray after a two match absence and was at the heart of OL's effort throughout, claiming the game's only try and putting in some big tackles to stifle B & B's attacking efforts around the fringes of set pieces and in loose play.

Playing with the slope in the first half, OLs turned round with a 13-3 lead. Denzil Evans kicked two penalties and converted Adams' try when he ploughed over the line from fifteen metres out, despite the efforts of most of the home side's pack to hold him.

The Berkswell pack was giving OL's forwards a tough time in the set scrums but their side failed to capitalise on this dominance, relying on hopeful kicks or forward drives, both ploys being comfortably held by OL's defence. When they did attempt to move the ball wide, centres Iain Wallis and Chris Reed picked off their opposite numbers with ease and were far more threatening with the ball in hand.

Denzil Evans kicked a further penalty in the second half, Berkswell replying with one of their own to round off the scoring. Steve Pike was the source of some excellent lineout possession for OLs and put in a big performance all round the field, and props Ollie Cowley and Chris le Poidevin were always close to the action.

OLs retain second place in the table, just shaded by Leamington's better points difference, with half of the league season now completed. This Saturday sees a break from league action when OLs take on Leicester Forest in the 4th round of the EDF Energy Senior Vase.

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Action from the 2nd & 3rd XV's – 6th December

Warwickshire League 1

Old Laurentian 2nds 57 – Stratford 2nds 0

OLs half back pairing of Richard Parker and Danny Orr contributed 42 of their side's points in this impressive victory, Parker going over for three tries and Orr claiming a full house with a try, a drop goal, three penalties and five conversions. It was a return to winning ways against a below strength Stratford side already beaten this season in the Warwickshire 2nds cup.

Take nothing away from the performance though, as OLs had to work hard to build the phases and create the space to allow the backs to finish off the donkey work done by the pack. Defence was kept solid all afternoon with man of the match Raj Patel putting in countless bone crunching tackles and Tom Gleghorn showing all his experience leading from the front .

Danny Orr got the scoring started with a couple of penalties before Howard Harris began the try fest, with Rich Parker's hat trick again giving the selectors a headache. Ted Wallis touched down and gave James Melvin the pass that saw him ghosting down the wing to score in a well executed move straight off the training paddock. Danny Orr completed the scoring with his personal tally of 27 points.

Smiles returned to faces to bring some festive cheer with news of both the other club's teams winning too. Back to cup action next weekend when the 2nds travel to Southam in the Clonmel Cup.

Warwickshire League 3

Coventry Welsh 2nds 14 – Old Laurentian 3rds 27

It was a simple case of job done for the OLs as they picked up the league points against a plucky Welsh side that pushed them all the way.

Yet again OL's forwards were tremendous against a much heavier Welsh pack and secured most of the ball. The score should have been higher but for costly errors in open play and OLs not taking numerous chances to put the game out of the home side's reach.

Ultimately though OLs proved too strong when they did put together some fluid passages of play and the plaudits on the day went to fullback Rich Hughes, whose clinical finishing saw him run in four tries. Kev White added two conversions and a penalty.

OLs have a friendly against Shipston this week, giving them a chance to prepare for the much anticipated return league fixture at Broadstreet on the following Saturday.

Thanks to Eddie Edwards and Kev White for these reports.



Wish OL's the best of luck this season!

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What's happening in the league

Last week's round of matches produced its usual mixture of predictable results and surprises.

No doubt our main rivals were half expecting (or hoping!) that we might trip up at Berkswell & Balsall, as we have displayed a propensity for such reversals in recent times. But we dogged it out, in difficult conditions, to come away with a good win.

Not so for Barkers Butts - they haven't won since they beat us and their surprise home defeat at the hands of Spartans was their third on the trot!

Silhillians might be languishing at the bottom end of the table, but they ran Earlsdon very close in a tight game in which they scored the only try.

Droitwich are beginning to enjoy more consistency and are slowly climbing the league table. But their opponents from last Saturday, Old Coventrians, are slowly slipping down it. The latter are now one of a clutch of four clubs on ten points in mid table, sharing that total with Newbold, Barkers and Spartans.

Bold went down, not unexpectedly, to Nuneaton Old Eds, who are, season in and season out, one of the most consistent sides around. Like us they are on sixteen points, but one place behind us in third.

Leamington produced another win, coasting home against bottom side Kidderminster, and are clearly the side to beat this season. It's a little over a month before we meet them at home and already that's looking like a key game in the race for honours this season.

Midlands 3 West (S) results, Saturday 6th December

Barkers Butts	3	v	5	Spartans
Berkswell & Balsall	6	v	16	Old Laurentians
Droitwich	14	v	7	Old Coventrians
Earlsdon	9	v	8	Silhillians
Kidderminster	8	v	41	Leamington
Nuneaton Old Edwardians	17	v	14	Newbold on Avon

A Christmas gift tip

Spotted in WH Smith, Heather Mills best selling autobiography: *The Hokey Cokey. Staying Married and Other Things I Can't Do*

Warwickshire League 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Broadstreet	10	10	0	0	351	81	270	40
2	Kenilworth	9	8	0	2	326	131	195	34
3	Nuneaton Old Eds.	9	7	0	2	208	132	76	29
4	Leamington	11	6	0	5	200	184	16	29
5	Newbold-on-Avon	11	6	0	5	155	169	-14	29
6	Barkers Butts	10	6	0	4	197	225	-28	28
7	Earlsdon	11	4	0	7	162	201	-39	22
8	Stratford	11	4	0	7	181	349	-168	21
9	Old Laurentians	10	3	0	7	228	232	-4	19
10	Old Coventrians	10	3	0	7	146	201	-55	19
11	Spartans	10	3	0	7	142	268	-124	19
12	Silhillians	11	2	0	9	185	310	-125	16

Warwickshire League 3

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Old Laurentians III	11	10	0	1	387	99	288	40
2	Leamington III	10	9	1	0	351	73	278	38
3	Broadstreet III	10	9	0	1	493	75	418	37
4	Manor Park II	11	7	1	3	383	113	270	33
5	Harbury II	11	6	0	5	234	183	51	29
6	Kenilworth III	11	6	0	5	213	202	11	27
7	Spartans III	11	4	0	7	135	265	-130	23
8	Coventry Welsh II	11	3	0	8	143	316	-173	20
9	Old Coventrians III	11	3	0	8	120	630	-510	20
10	Stoke Old Boys II	11	3	0	8	110	224	-114	19
10	Bedworth III	11	3	0	8	152	256	-104	16
12	Coventrians II	11	1	0	10	128	413	-285	13

Leamington and Broadstreet didn't play their scheduled game last Saturday – Leamington asked for the game to be re-arranged when they couldn't raise a side. We forfeited the game, and the league points, when we couldn't raise a side to play Leamington – perhaps there is another way!?

Warwickshire Leagues score four points for a win, two points for a draw and one point to losing teams for playing. In the event of a team failing to fulfil a fixture, a 20-0 win is awarded to their opponents.

Photo Action



Richard Parker goes over for one of his three tries against Stratford for the 2nds



Leading scorer Danny Orr goes for more points



Steve Pike soars to win possession against Earlsdon



Ready to lock horns



Dan Volkman rumbles on



Iain Wallis is under there somewhere, touching down against Earlsdon

Photos by Ray Todd

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Loughborough	v	Newbold on Avon
Mellish	v	Worcester Wanderers
Northampton Old Scouts	v	Ledbury
Old Laurentians	v	Leicester Forest
Old Northamptonians	v	Bridgnorth
Spalding	v	Nuneaton Old Eds
Veseyans	v	Barkers Butts

The next round (5) in the Senior Vase is the last Midlands regional round. Round 6 sees Midlands and North merged and the winners from that round are in the quarter finals. So the competition is beginning to get very interesting!

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Leading Scorers (15 pts or more, to 06/12/08)

Player	Tries	Convs	Pens	Drops	Tot Pts
Danny Orr	2	31	21	1	138
Kev White	7	41	5	0	132
Denzil Evans	3	21	8	1	84
Rich Parker	10	0	0	0	50
Matt Miller	9	0	0	0	45
Simon Bayliss	7	0	0	0	35
Jamie Brightwell	7	0	0	0	35
Rich Hughes	7	0	0	0	35
James Murray	5	2	1	0	32
Rhys Wade	6	0	0	0	30
Stuart Birch	6	0	0	0	30
Ben Wiles	2	8	1	0	29
Iain Wallis	5	0	0	1	28
Mawande Sinyakanyaka	5	0	0	0	25
David Longrigg	4	0	0	0	20
Ricky Reed	4	0	0	0	20
Gary Hammond	4	0	0	0	20
Matt Cockman	3	0	0	0	15
Pete Rigg	3	0	0	0	15
Marc Owen	3	0	0	0	15
Howard Harris	3	0	0	0	15

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This season we have a full list of 1st team jersey sponsors for the whole season. Many thanks for the generous contributions of those sponsors, whose names you will see on today's team pages.

However, many opportunities still remain, particularly as match sponsors and ball sponsors; and there are still spaces for programme advertisers.

If you would like to take advantage of these, and other opportunities, or know of any individuals or organisations who could be approached, then please contact Bill Wallis, either at today's match, by 'phone on 01788 822687, or email to bill@wallis21.wanadoo.co.uk

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Notable Dates & Events

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Date	What's happening
Dec 13 th	EDF Energy Senior Vase 4 th Round tie v Leicester Forest, ko 2.00pm Today
Dec. 24 th	Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 26 th	Inter-club game, followed by a Christmas Karaoke
Jan. 1 st	New Year's Day Party, including champagne breakfast
Jan 3 rd	Warwickshire Cup, v Old Coventrians (away)
Jan. 24 th	VP's Away Day, at game v Old Coventrians
March 14 th	Captain's Day, at game v Kidderminster
March 21 st	Games against touring party from Metropolis RFC, Minneapolis
March 21 st	Party Night, with live band 'Twisted Vision'
April 4 th	Sponsors Day, game v Berkswell & Balsall
May 8 th	Club Dinner [Note date change from 1 st May]

Strictly for the Girls (the backs, that is!)

Wanted – rugby clubs to feature in O2's new TV show with twinkletoes himself, Austin Healey.

As part of O2's involvement with grassroots rugby they have joined forces once again with Austin Healey. This time the former Leicester, England and Lions star will bring his mighty frame and big mouth to bear on a range of rugby club issues in a new series to go on air next year.

ITV are looking for club teams in need of drastic action, and Austin's priceless advice, to feature in the series.

Do our forwards dance about the pitch like ballerinas? Do our backs keep running their hands through their hair... or just round in circles? Does Big Dan need to brush up his American Smooth? Should Denzil be working on his quickstep? O2 and Austin will tackle these and other issues in 'The Big Tackle, with Austin Healey'.

Or would we rather have Flavia Cacace and Camilla Dallerup come and give us a workout?

Midlands 3 West (South) League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts.
1	Leamington	11	8	0	3	273	154	119	16
2	Old Laurentians	11	8	0	3	257	169	88	16
3	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	11	8	0	3	212	173	39	16
4	Earlsdon	11	7	1	3	191	190	1	15
5	Droitwich	11	5	1	5	155	166	-11	11
6	Barkers Butts	10	5	0	5	144	112	32	10
7	Newbold on Avon	10	5	0	5	167	151	16	10
8	Old Coventrians	11	5	0	6	178	203	-25	10
9	Spartans (Midlands)	11	5	0	6	145	215	-70	10
10	Silhillians	11	3	0	8	195	217	-22	6
11	Berkswell & Balsall	11	2	1	8	128	187	-59	5
12	Kidderminster	11	2	1	8	146	254	-108	5

League fixtures and results

	Bark	B&B	Droit	Earl	Kidd	Leam	Newb	NOEs	OCs	OLs	Sils	Spart
Barkers Butts		27-7	8-16	35-16	17-8	21/02	14/03	11-20	31/01	10/01	18/04	3-5
B & Balsall	07/03		21/02	12-17	7-16	10-11	10/01	31/01	18/04	6-16	28/03	22-3
Droitwich	14/02	10-10		07/03	31/01	18/04	23-3	7-15	14-7	28/03	28-17	10/01
Earlsdon	28/03	14/03	15-3		21/02	10/01	17-19	26-20	18-12	18/04	9-8	31/01
Kidderminster	24/01	14/02	15-25	18-18		8-41	18/04	10/01	28/03	14-31	07/03	31-21
Leamington	0-13	20/12	28-10	20-22	04/04		25-15	5-19	14/02	41-15	24/01	14/03
Newbold	Postp	27-19	20/12	24/01	24-0	07/03		04/04	17-10	14/02	32-17	3-7
Nuneaton OEs	20/12	17-0	24/01	14/02	19-12	28/03	17-14		23-24	07/03	23-18	18/04
Old Covents	14-13	20-23	04/04	20/12	24-19	10-35	21/02	14/03		24/01	30-18	27-3
OLs	15-17	04/04	32-12	11-23	14/03	31/01	18-13	49-17	20-0		20/12	21/02
Silhillians	11-0	23-12	14/03	04/04	27-5	14-28	31/01	21/02	10/01	20-23		24-27
Spartans	04/04	24/01	16-7	32-10	20/12	18-39	28/03	7-22	07/03	6-27	14/02	

The above matrix shows Midlands 3 West (South) League fixtures and results. Numbers separated with a dash (8-3), and in bold, are results; numbers separated with a slash (14/02) indicate date of fixture. Home side is in the left hand column, away side along the top, home side score is always to the left. All OL's fixtures are shaded.

The Experimental Law Variations - a brief guide

Much has been written about the ELVs, which came into force from August 2008 for an experimental period of 12 months. The IRB will then review all the ELVs before deciding if all or any of them should be accepted into the full laws of the game. You can download the full document from the home page of our website – but here is a brief guide to the main changes.

The Maul

Players may now defend a maul by pulling it down. To do this, the defender must grasp an opposing player in the maul anywhere between shoulders & hips and then pull that player down.

Touch & Lineout

(1) Teams will no longer be able to pass or play the ball back into their own 22 and then kick directly into touch to gain ground. In such cases (when no opposition player has touched the ball) the lineout is taken at a point opposite where the kick was taken.

(2) A quick throw in may be thrown in straight or towards the throwing team's own goal line.

(3) There is no restriction on the number of players from either team who can participate in the lineout, as long as each team has a minimum of 2 players in the lineout and all lineout players fit between the 5-metre line and 15-metre line. (4) The receiver of a ball from a lineout must be 2 metres away from the lineout; and the player who is in opposition to the player throwing the ball must stand between the 5-metre line and the touch line but must be 2 metres away from the 5-metre line.

The Scrum

The introduction of an offside line 5 metres behind the hindmost feet of the scrum. This means that at a scrum, the backline (all non participants in the scrum) must be 5 metres back from the hindmost feet of the scrum.

Corner Posts – The corner posts are no longer considered to be in touch-in-goal except when the ball is grounded against the post. This means that a try will no longer be disallowed if the ball carrier touches the corner post before grounding the ball as long as that player has not otherwise been in touch. But a try will still be disallowed if the ball is grounded against the corner post. If a ball hits the corner post and bounces back into the playing area, the game continues.

What should the ELVs achieve? Although Northern hemisphere countries believe that the ELVs are a Southern hemisphere plot designed to neutralise their physical, forward based game, they should allow the ball to stay in play for a greater time; and they may encourage players and coaches to consider what they can do with the ball apart from crashing into the nearest defender. Will they work? The jury will be out for a while!

Saturday 13 th December, 2008			Tries	Kicking	Cards	Cards	Kicking	Tries	EDF Energy Senior Vase, Round 4		
<i>Old Laurentian RFC</i>									<i>Leicester Forest RFC</i>		
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<i>Cleaver Scientific</i>	15	Grant Inch							Karl Wesley	15	<p><i>Today's referee is John Kelly, to whom we extend a warm welcome, along with our thanks for officiating over today's game.</i></p> <p><i>As always we expect you to treat him, and his decisions, as you would expect to be treated yourself.</i></p>
<i>Excel Heating</i>	14	Jamie Brightwell							Tom Martin	14	
<i>Jim Darcy</i>	13	Chris Reed							James Coulter	13	
<i>Simon Bracken</i>	12	Iain Wallis							Martin Lines	12	
<i>Spike Pawsey</i>	11	Matt Miller							Lee Smith	11	
<i>Cottons Accountants</i>	10	Denzil Evans							John Roux (Capt)	10	
<i>F & F Fencing (Phil Reed Snr)</i>	9	Ricky Reed							Gareth Jenkins	9	
<i>The Merchant's Inn</i>	1	Ollie Cowley							William Johnson	1	
<i>Martin Valentine</i>	2	Mark Todd							Liam Warren	2	
<i>Dave Eales</i>	3	Chris Le Poidevin							Lee Palmer	3	
<i>Tom Costello</i>	4	Dan Volkman							Leo Salmon	4	
<i>Arwel Jones</i>	5	Tom Gleghorn							Mick Beason	5	
<i>Stuart Gleghorn</i>	6	Glenn Todd							Paul Dacey	6	
<i>Electrical Testers</i>	7	Andy Coleman							Steve Piggott	7	
<i>Ray Roberts</i>	8	Carl Adams (Capt)							Moani Loani	8	
	16	Russ Kennedy							Hoania Harris	16	
	17	Richard Parker							Marvin November	17	
	18	Steve Pike							Tom Vesty	18	
	19	TBC							Kavon Bagheri	19	