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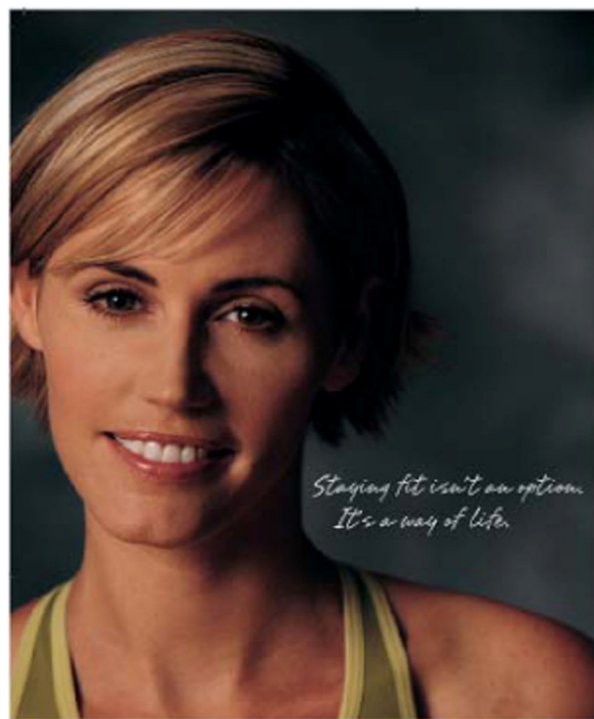
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1st XV Fixtures & Results

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	Postponed	
December	20	Leicester Forest	H	SV	9	8
December	26	<i>Inter Club Game</i>				
January	3	Old Coventrians	A	W	46	0
January	10	Barkers Butts	A	L	Postponed	
January	17	Northampton Old Scouts	H	SV	13	15
January	24	Old Coventrians	A	L	3	5
January	31	Leamington	H	L	35	13
February	7	Silhillians	H	L	Postponed	
February	14	Newbold on Avon	A	L	7	14
February	21	Spartans	H	L	36	3
February	28	Barkers Butts	A	L	39	0
March	7	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	A	L	14	21
March	14	Kidderminster	H	L	45	12
March	21	Silhillians	H	L	43	12
March	28	Droitwich	A	L	22	19
April	4	Berkswell & Balsall	H	L		
April (Weds)	8	Broadstreet (ko 7.30pm)	Webb Ellis Rd.	W		
April	18	Earlsdon	A	L		

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 **Berkswell & Balsall RFC** in the final home game in Midlands 3 West (South) this season, and we are pleased to welcome their players, officials and

supporters to Fenley Field.

We are also delighted to welcome a number of our sponsors and advertisers for our annual Sponsors Day. It gives us the opportunity to thank them for their generous support in a tangible way and we are delighted to be able to do that.

The revenue from sponsorship and advertising is invaluable to a club like ours as it helps us to meet the running costs of the club without having to place the whole burden financially on the shoulders of players and other members.

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

The autumn seems a long time ago when OLs were basking in the sunshine and looking down on the rest of the league. Some magnificent performances have been tarnished by some poor results, which means it's us now who look up at Leamington despite beating them handsomely on their recent visit to Fenley Field.

The issues at the top of the league are close to being settled. Only three clubs can now feature in the champion / play off positions and unfortunately our position is the weakest of the three after Leamington pulled off a very good win at Nuneaton Old Eds last Saturday. Perhaps we should all decamp to Newbold at half time today to cheer on the Parkfield Road team against Old Eds. But on the other hand.....

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.

Enjoy the game.

Reiner

Reiner Ferguson

Today's cover features a shot by Kevin Jones, taken at Droitwich last Saturday and showing the lineout catch by Carl Adams which was taken by Glenn Todd to feed brother Mark for his first half try. See the conclusion of the move on the photo page - Kevin is a quick snapper!



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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	Postp.	Shipston (F)	A	Canc.
Dec	20	L	Silhillians	A	0 3	Broadstreet III (L)	A	5 17
Dec	26		INTER CLUB GAME					
Jan	3	C	Southam	A	38 0	Towcestrians (F) (canc)	A	Canc
Jan	10	L	Barkers Butts	H	Postp.	Old Coventrians III (L)	H	Postp.
Jan	17	L	Broadstreet	A	0 31	Old Leamingtonians (F)	H	45 5
Jan	24	L	Old Coventrians	H	50 5	Manor Park (L)	A	Postp.
Jan	31	L	Leamington	A	17 39	Bedworth Bears (L)	H	29 0
Feb	7	L	Barkers Butts	H	Postp	M Harboro' Vets (F)	A	Canc.
Feb	14	L	Newbold on Avon	H	Postp.	Spartans III (L)	A	38 5
Feb	21	L	Spartans	A	17 0	Stoke Old Boys (L)	H	71 7
Feb	28	L	Kenilworth	A	5 15	Shipston 2nds (F)	H	26 28
March	7	L	Nuneaton Old Eds	H	38 24	Kenilworth III (L)	A	22 21
March	14					Coventrians (L)	H	29 21
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March	28	L	Broadstreet	H	Canc.			
April	1	C	Newbold on Avon	A	2 4 9	S. Warks Vets		
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	

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Today's Visitors **Berkswell & Balsall RFC**

Berkswell & Balsall Rugby Football Club was founded in 1981 by Les and Steve Edwards and from modest beginnings the club has progressed to fielding three sides on a regular basis, as well as an occasional Veterans side.

In the early days B & B did not have their own ground but played at Heart of England School. After much fund raising, the club bought its current grounds at Honiley Road in Meer End, just outside Balsall Common, in 1998 and after an unsuccessful lottery application in 2000, members of the club raised enough funds and donated much expertise to put up the current club house, all in the space of a single weekend - an achievement of which the Club is justifiably proud.

BBRFC are currently at their highest ever position in the league structure, having been promoted to this league from Midlands 4 West following an excellent campaign in 2006/07. They came up with undefeated champions Droitwich and enjoyed a good first season with some notable wins.

Today's game is the return fixture this season after we went to Honiley Road last December and came away with a hard fought 16-6 win. As recently as January 31st, B & B scored a notable 15-8 win over Nuneaton Old Eds. They also count Earlsdon (away) and Newbold amongst their scalps this season and last Saturday they secured a vital win against fellow strugglers Silhillians. None of their losses have been by a wide margin, so we can expect a tough game today.

We are pleased to extend a very warm welcome to Berkswell and Balsall's players, officials and supporters today and wish them a pleasant visit to Fenley Field.



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Warwickshire Cup

Next Wednesday, 8th April, we play Broadstreet in the quarter final of the Warwickshire Cup. We have a home draw but, to avoid a very early kick off, we have agreed with Rugby Lions to play the game at Webb Ellis Road, kick off 7.30pm. It also avoids the need to concede home advantage to Broadstreet (well, nearly!) Our opponents are riding high at the top of Midlands One and are hot favourites to win the league and go up to what will be, next season, National 2. They currently have a three point advantage over Luctonians in second place and have a game in hand. They have league matches on the Saturdays before and after our game so it will be interesting to see the strength of the team they put out on the night.

Kenilworth aiming high

Just one point behind Luctonians in Midlands 1 are Kenilworth and if both win their matches today, the last league game of the season on 18th April sees them paired in a real shoot out in Herefordshire, when second place and a play off will be at stake!

Stats Corner

In our last programme you were advised to put your money on Kev White as the leading points scorer this season, but it threatens to be a close run race as Danny Orr is just 11 points behind Kev's 229 with 218. In the race to become the leading try scorer, James Murray has leapt into the lead with 6 tries in the last three games and now has 15, to Kev's 14 and Iain Wallis's 12. Muzza had intended not to play at Droitwich as he was leaving for a winter sports holiday on the following day – but such is the competition that he turned out in an attempt to protect his lead! Danny Orr is still on track for an unusual, if not unique, achievement - topping the points scorers table for both the 1st and 2nd teams!

Looking at 1st XV appearances, no less than 38 players have started games and a further 3 have made appearances as replacements. Before today, 25 league and cup games had been played, and leading the way, each with 22 starts, are Carl Adams and Dan Volkman. Clocking up 21 apiece are Chris le Poidevin and Glenn Todd, followed by Iain Wallis with 20, Mark Todd on 18 and Andy Coleman on 17. It says a lot for the strength in depth we have in certain parts of the field that we have scored 596 points in all competitive games despite being without some of our most effective strike runners for long periods in the season. Matt Miller has appeared in 15 games, James Murray and Simon Bayliss have managed just 12 and 10 respectively and Richard Parker will have missed the last seven games of the campaign, showing how injuries have blighted our season. Sadly, we are unlikely to see Ollie Cowley back in action for some time but it was good to see him on the touchline again two weeks ago.

Offering great encouragement for the future is the age profile of the current crop of players, with many in their early twenties or younger. Players like Ollie Cowley, Mark Todd, James Murray, Simon Bayliss, Danny Orr, Richard Parker, Chris le Poidevin, James McGill, Ben O'Riordan Danny Murch, Raj Patel and Tom Gleghorn have long futures ahead of them and we hope they will spend most of it with OLs.

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Earlier Action

Saturday 21st February, 2009

Midlands 3 West (South)

Old Laurentians 43 – Silhillians 12

Silhillians registered the first try of this game in the early minutes and added another on the stroke of full time to round off the scoring. But in between, OLS ran in six of their own to blow away their opponents and claim the league points.

Laurentians' early play was indecisive, even inept, Sils going close a couple of times before claiming a try after six minutes which was converted for a 7-0 lead. OLS gradually eased into the game without showing any of their recent fluency and twenty minutes had passed before Ricky Reed and Denzil Evans combined well to put Carl Adams over, Evans converting to level the scores.

Then, in a twenty minute blitz, OLS went over for four more tries, all converted by Evans, and put the game out of reach of their opponents. Now with quick and plentiful possession, Evans was orchestrating the game from fly half and his back line had too much pace and power for their opposite numbers, full back James Murray running incisively to claim a first half hat trick and scrum half Reed going over from close range.

Reaching the break with a 35-7 lead, it was a question of how many more could OLS add in the second half. After ten minutes, a sweeping move ended with Murray getting up in support of Simon Bayliss to claim his fourth try in a match when his class shone through brightly. But, apart from an Evans penalty, OLS could muster no further scores during a forgettable and undistinguished final thirty minutes which ended with Sils scoring their second, due reward for their endeavour and persistence.

. After their sluggish start, OL's forwards won the upper hand in all phases of play to lay the foundations for this win. Tom Gleghorn and Steve Pike were dominant in the lineout and the front row of Chris le Poidevin, Mark Todd and Russ Kennedy ensured that the scrummages went in OL's favour, taking several against the head.

Iain Wallis was a constant threat to Sils defence, again being involved in several tries, James Murray was clinical in his finishing, running great lines to slice open the opposition defence; and James McGill always threatened when the ball went his way

1st XV reports by Bill Wallis

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Match Report

Saturday 28th March, 2009

Midlands 3 West (South)

Droitwich 19 - Old Laurentians 22

Laurentians struggled to close out this game as Droitwich fought back from what seemed to be a lost cause and come close to a real upset. OLs appeared to be cruising to victory with three tries and a 17-0 lead inside twenty five minutes when a fierce hail storm blew them right off course and turned the game into a lottery for the last fifteen minutes of the first half.

When the weather relented, OLs added a further try early in the second period to go 22-0 up and appeared to relax, believing the game to be in the bag. But Droitwich had other ideas and fought back with great spirit to score three unanswered tries and give OLs some very anxious moments before the final whistle sounded..

Right wing Simon Bayliss claimed OL's first try after Danny Murch cleverly switched the direction of an attack, Bayliss stepping on the gas to leave his marker trailing and go over wide out, Denzil Evans converting with a fine kick. Soon after, James McGill seized on a Droitwich error and after a long run was caught just short of the line, finding Carl Adams up in support to go over.

Adams was also involved in OL's next try, flanker Glenn Todd peeling from the tail to take his lineout catch and feed his brother Mark, who charged over from close range.

After the worst of the weather had passed, Bayliss went over for his second after a half break by Scott Wiles and OLs appeared to be on their way at 22-0. But for the next fifteen minutes, OLs conceded a string of penalties, some justified but others for reasons that were difficult to fathom, allowing the home side to stay on the front foot. OL's woes were compounded when replacement flanker Dave Longrigg was somewhat harshly yellow carded, Droitwich going over for two tries while he was cooling his heels on the touch line.

The final Droitwich try, bringing the score to 22-19 with the conversion, followed a strong drive by the shorthanded OL's pack that spoiled a Droitwich scrum heel, but the follow up was poor and Droitwich's right wing cut in to seize the loose ball and ghost over under the posts with not a hand laid on him.

OLs did then manage a late rally to keep their hosts at bay and two late penalty attempts were missed that would have put the game beyond Droitwich, leading to a tense climax with OLs holding out to claim the league points.



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Action from the Droitwich & Silhillians games



James Murray en route for the line



Glenn Todd on the burst



Ricky Reed breaks against Droitwich



Simon Bayliss sets off for his first try at Droitwich



Dan Volkman keeps a maul going forward



Mark Todd about to score at Droitwich

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Broadstreet	18	17	0	1	603	120	483	69
2	Kenilworth	18	15	1	2	610	168	442	64
3	Leamington	19	12	1	6	443	276	167	56
4	Nuneaton Old Eds.	17	11	1	5	549	249	300	49
5	Newbold-on-Avon	16	9	0	7	271	252	19	42
6	Earlsdon	19	7	0	12	217	463	-246	39
7	Stratford	18	7	0	11	289	619	-330	37
8	Old Laurentians	17	6	0	11	357	347	10	35
9	Old Coventrians	17	6	0	11	256	427	-171	35
10	Barkers Butts	17	6	0	11	270	455	-185	35
11	Spartans	17	4	1	12	228	441	-213	30
12	Silhillians	17	3	0	14	200	476	-276	21

Warwickshire League 3

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Broadstreet III	19	18	0	1	866	142	724	73
2	Leamington III	19	14	1	4	602	240	362	62
3	Old Laurentians III	18	15	0	3	581	190	391	61
4	Manor Park II	19	12	1	6	525	242	283	56
5	Kenilworth III	19	9	0	10	374	370	4	45
6	Harbury II	16	8	1	7	327	288	39	41
7	Old Coventrians III	18	5	1	12	228	924	-696	34
8	Spartans III	17	5	1	11	199	417	-218	33
9	Coventrians II	18	5	0	13	289	535	-246	32
10	Bedworth III	17	6	0	11	295	361	-66	31
11	Stoke Old Boys II	18	5	0	13	217	445	-228	30
12	Coventry Welsh II	18	3	1	14	185	534	-349	27

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.

OL's Vets at the South Warwickshire Tournament

OL's Veterans couldn't quite manage a fourth successive win in the South Warwickshire Vets Tournament last Saturday, finally finishing as runners up to Old Coventrians.

Entry was down against previous years with just seven clubs scheduled to play, but only five clubs turned up on the day. This meant that the organisers changed the format to a round robin style from the pool method used to determine the final stages in previous years. So each side played the other four, the leading two at the end to contest the final.

By judicious squad rotation, OLs came through with three wins from four, beating Broadstreet, Leamington and the host club Southam but losing to Old Coventrians by just 5-3 when some key players were rested.

But the whole affair ended in an anti climax when it was announced that no final would be played after all and Old Coventrians, who had gone through the round robin stage unbeaten, were declared the winners. This decision left OL's players and supporters thoroughly frustrated and disappointed, as it all came to an abrupt end when they were expecting to play one more game to decide the winning club.

Old Coventrians won the Bob Jones Cup, OLs were awarded the plate and Southam, in third place, the shield. Conspiracy theories abounded as to the reason for the last minute change, as OL's team were confident that they could have won the top prize had the competition gone its full course.

2nds win through to Clonmel Cup Final

Our 2nd team make a regular habit of reaching this final but haven't won it for several seasons. This year they will take on Rugby St Andrews 2nds, who disposed of our old adversaries Lutterworth at the semi final stage.

We reached the final with an excellent 24-9 win over Newbold at Parkfield Road last Wednesday. The win came from a great second half performance after the sides turned round with Newbold holding a 6-0 lead. OLs scored four second half tries through Harley Steel, Matt Miller, Ben Nuttall and Dave Longrigg, Dom Hammond converting two of them.

Watch the website for details of the final at Webb Ellis Road; and you can also find a complete photo record of the game on the OL's site, courtesy of Ray Todd.



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The Local Scene

After a dismal run of four defeats on the road, including an eighty point reversal at London Scottish, **Rugby Lions** managed a 26-26 draw at Henley in National 3 South, the fourth time this season they have shared the spoils.

Former OL's rivals **Sutton Coldfield** and **Stratford** are sitting comfortably in fifth and sixth spot in Midlands 2 West whilst another old adversary **Bromsgrove** have secured the league title with two games to go.

Rugby St Andrews are enjoying a highly satisfactory first season in Midlands 4 East (South) and despatched nearest rivals Bugbrooke by 12-7 to move three points clear of them in third spot; but Market Harborough and Peterborough Lions are well clear of them in first and second.

Rugby Welsh trounced Coventry Saracens by 71-0 and are now three points clear of second placed rivals Alcester, although the latter have played one game less. But if Welsh win their remaining game they will clinch the league title in Midlands 6 West (SE).

We still retain an interest in a possible play off against the second placed side in Midlands Three West (North) and **Bournville** currently lead the way in that league with a two point advantage over deadly rivals **Old Halesonians**, both having been promoted to the league this season. The championship could well be decided in the last game of the season when the two meet at Halesonians' ground; and, to add spice to the mix, the pair currently have an identical points difference. First Halesonians have to beat Lichfield, who have had a good league run since we beat them in the Senior Vase and sit in third place. Bournville's penultimate game is an easier task against Stourbridge Lions, who are third from bottom.

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.Leading Scorers (20 pts or more, to 28/03//09)

Player	Tries	Convs	Pens	Drops	Tot Pts
Kev White	14	72	5	0	229
Danny Orr	5	50	30	1	218
Denzil Evans	4	48	19	2	179
James Murray	15	2	1	0	82
Iain Wallis	12	0	0	2	66
Rich Parker	11	0	0	0	55
David Longrigg	10	0	0	0	50
Jamie Brightwell	10	0	0	0	50
Matt Miller	10	0	0	0	50
Gary Hammond	10	0	0	0	50
Simon Bayliss	8	0	0	0	40
Jody Roderick	8	0	0	0	40
Ben Wiles	4	8	1	0	39
Rich Hughes	7	0	0	0	35
Stuart Birch	7	0	0	0	35
Rhys Wade	7	0	0	0	35
Mawande Sinyakanyaka	6	0	0	0	30
Pete Rigg	6	0	0	0	30
James McGill	6	0	0	0	30
Steve Pike	4	4	0	0	28
Ricky Reed	5	0	0	0	25
Charlie Turney	4	0	0	0	20
Howard Harris	4	0	0	0	20
Paddy Read	4	0	0	0	20
Marc Owen	4	0	0	0	20
Tim Dougherty	4	0	0	0	20

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The Midlands 3 West Scene

The key match in last weekend's programme finished with the wrong result from our point of view when Leamington travelled to Nuneaton Old Eds and came away with an 18-12 win. Victory for the home side would have seen us rise to second spot, ahead of Leamington, by virtue of our better points difference. But it was not to be, and the result would have surprised many who saw the Nuneaton side as home bankers.

No other side can catch the top three and everything hangs on the remaining fixtures for each, which are:

	4 th April (today)	18 th April
OLs	Berkswell & Balsall (h)	Earlsdon (a)
Leamington	Kidderminster (h)	Droitwich (a)
Nuneaton Old Eds	Newbold (a)	Spartans (h)

On paper, all three should win each of their remaining games, which will leave us stranded in third place. But the final placings, and our fate, may still be in the balance until around 4.30 on April 18th!

Although the champions will definitely be promoted and the second placed side will compete in a play off for promotion, as we understand it at this time there will be no relegation. As the same will apply throughout the divisional leagues, this league will still consist of twelve clubs next season.

So those clubs at the foot of the table are fighting for pride as much as league position and Berkswell & Balsall did themselves a favour by seeing off fellow strugglers Silhillians last week.

Earlsdon reversed a steady decline with a good win against Barkers; but Newbold's slide continued with a loss away at Spartans. So it is difficult to see them doing us a favour by beating Nuneaton Old Eds today.

Midlands 3 West (S) results, Saturday 28th March

Berkswell & Balsall	22	v	14	Silhillians
Droitwich	19	v	22	Old Laurentians
Earlsdon	28	v	12	Barkers Butts
Kidderminster	31	v	18	Old Coventrians
Nuneaton Old Edwardians	12	v	18	Leamington
Spartans (Midlands)	23	v	15	Newbold on Avon

Midlands 3 West (South) League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Leamington	20	15	0	5	463	260	203	30
2	Nuneaton Old Eds.	20	15	0	5	432	305	127	30
3	Old Laurentians	20	14	0	6	501	268	233	28
4	Earlsdon	20	11	1	8	315	332	-17	23
5	Barkers Butts	19	10	0	9	261	297	-36	20
6	Droitwich	20	8	1	11	296	296	0	17
7	Old Coventrians	20	8	1	11	282	380	-98	17
8	Spartans	19	8	1	11	278	410	-132	17
9	Newbold-on-Avon	19	8	0	11	303	304	-1	16
10	Kidderminster	20	7	1	12	320	432	-112	15
11	Berkswell & Balsall	20	6	1	13	250	335	-85	13
12	Silhillians	20	6	0	14	334	416	-82	12

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	3-26	21-15	11-20	25-5	0-39	18/04	3-5
B & Balsall	10-13		3-23	12-17	7-16	10-11	22-20	15-8	18/04	6-16	22-14	22-3
Droitwich	5-15	10-10		10-12	8-10	18/04	23-3	7-15	14-7	19-22	28-17	12-5
Earlsdon	28-12	14-17	15-3		3-16	15-13	17-19	26-20	18-12	18/04	9-8	19-34
Kidderminster	24-28	18-13	15-25	18-18		8-41	18/04	19-24	31-18	14-31	21-25	31-21
Leamington	0-13	26-10	28-10	20-22	04/04		25-15	5-19	26-3	41-15	20-5	37-17
Newbold	11/04	27-19	12-20	15-10	24-0	6-11		04/04	17-10	14-7	32-17	3-7
Nuneaton OEs	33-0	17-0	31-28	25-11	19-12	12-18	17-14		23-24	21-14	23-18	18/04
Old Covents	14-13	20-23	04/04	0-12	24-19	10-35	25-23	15-35		5-3	30-18	27-3
OLs	15-17	04/04	32-12	11-23	45-12	35-13	18-13	49-17	20-0		43-12	36-3
Silhillians	11-0	23-12	20-16	04/04	27-5	14-28	14-16	12-21	8-19	20-23		24-27
Spartans	04/04	12-10	16-7	32-10	14-23	18-39	23-15	7-22	14-14	6-27	11-29	

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 4 th April, 2009			Tries	Kicking	Cards	Cards	Kicking	Tries	Midlands 3 West (South)		
<i>Old Laurentian RFC</i>									<i>Berkswell & Balsall RFC</i>		
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<i>Cleaver Scientific</i>	15	Scott Wiles							Matt Comfort	15	<i>In charge of today's game is an exchange referee from the London Society, to whom we extend a warm welcome, along with our thanks for officiating over today's game.</i> <i>As always we expect you to treat him, and his decisions, as you would expect to be treated yourself.</i>
<i>Spike Pawsey</i>	14	James McGill							Roman Coombes	14	
<i>Jim Darcy</i>	13	Danny Murch							James Fahy	13	
<i>Simon Bracken</i>	12	Iain Wallis							Matt Wilson	12	
<i>Excel Heating</i>	11	Simon Bayliss							Mark Connors	11	
<i>Cottons Accountants</i>	10	Denzil Evans							Andy Burns	10	
<i>F & F Fencing (Phil Reed Snr)</i>	9	Matt Miller							Richard Waite	9	
<i>The Merchant's Inn</i>	1	Russ Kennedy							Craig Mills	1	
<i>Martin Valentine</i>	2	Mark Todd							Andrew Waite	2	
<i>Dave Eales</i>	3	Chris le Poidevin							Nick Waite	3	
<i>Tom Costello</i>	4	Dan Volkman							John Arnold	4	
<i>Arwel Jones</i>	5	Tom Gleghorn							Frank Llewellyn	5	
<i>Stuart Gleghorn</i>	6	Glenn Todd							Sam Bignell	6	
<i>Electrical Testers</i>	7	Steve Pike							Joe Cart	7	
<i>Ray Roberts</i>	8	Carl Adams (Capt.)							Mark Galpin (Capt)	8	
	16	Raj Patel							Ollie Flint	16	
	17	Matt Miller							Tony Waterer	17	
	18	Garrie Reeve							Tim Falconbridge	18	