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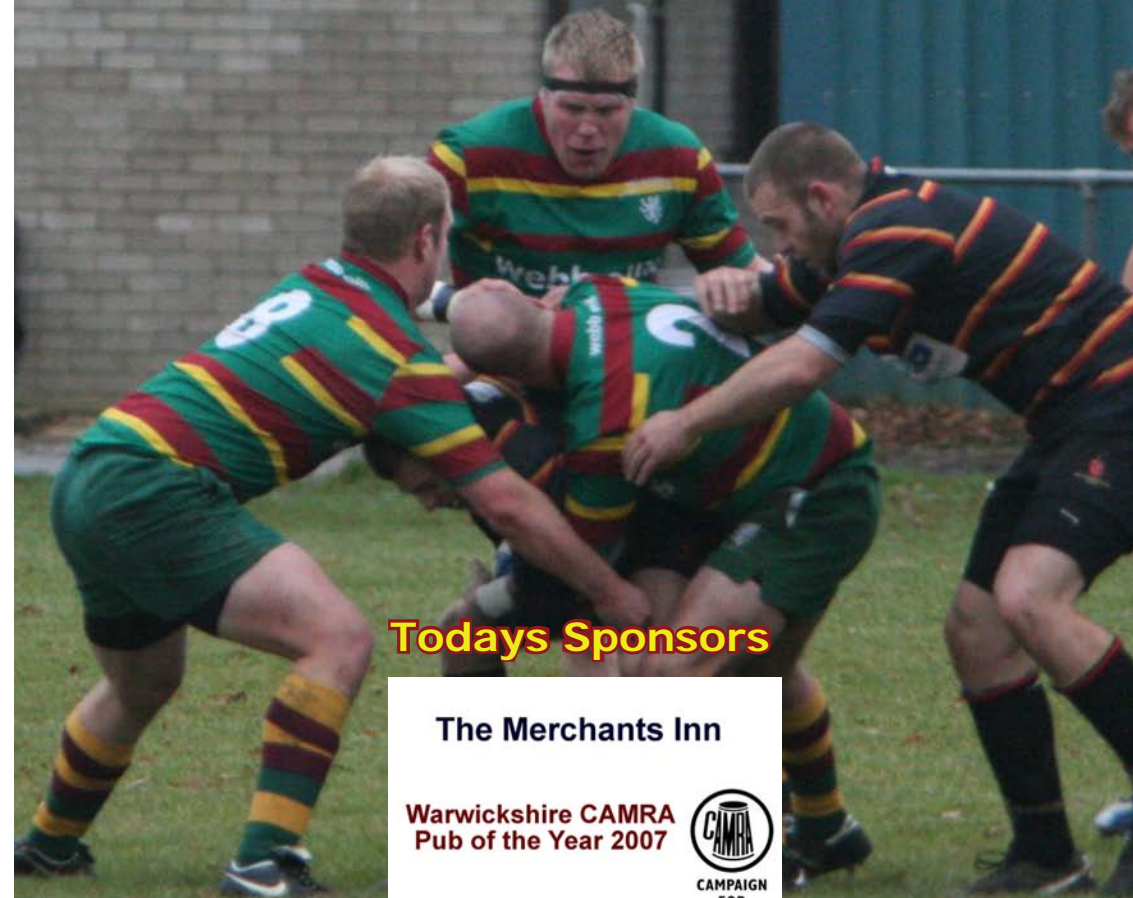
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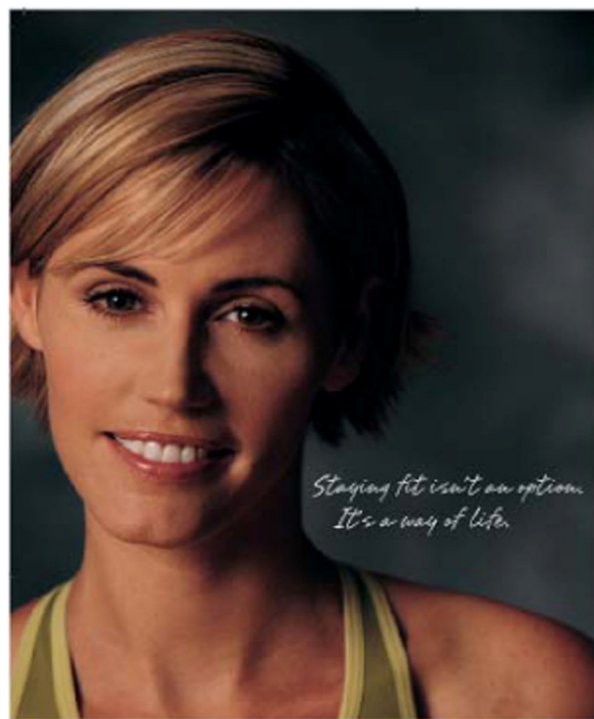
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1st XV Fixtures & Results

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		
November	15	Silhillians	A	L		
November	22	Lichfield (EDF SV)	H	SV		
November	29	Earlsdon	H	L		
December	6	Berkswell & Balsall	A	L		
December	13	<i>EDF Senior Vase</i>		SV		
December	20	Silhillians	H	L		
December	26	<i>Inter Club Game</i>				
January	3	Towcestrians	H	F		
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

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As Chairman of the Old Laurentian R.F.C. and on behalf of our members it gives me great pleasure to welcome you here to Fenley Field, the home of O.L.R.F.C. 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.

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Finally, but certainly not least, we extend a warm welcome to our match referee, **Robin Oliver** – today's game wouldn't be possible without him.

More than a quarter of the way through the 2008/09 season already, and despite my pessimism about the law changes we have had a great start

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		
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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		Old Coventrians III (L)	A	
Nov	15	L	Silhillians	H		Broadstreet III (L)	H	
Nov	22					Towcestrians (F)	A	
Nov	29	L	Earlsdon	A		Leamington III (L)	H	
Dec	6	L	Stratford	H		Coventry Welsh (L)	A	
Dec	13	F	Old Leamingtonians	H		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	
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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
(* Kenilworth failed to play the game so OLs take 4 league points and a 20-0 win)



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It often refers to itself as the 'club at the centre of England', because of its proximity to Meriden, the village that lays claim to that distinction.

Barkers takes great pride in its youth policy, having had a Colts side for over 45 years and founding its flourishing mini and junior section in 1973.

When leagues were first introduced, Barkers were placed in Midlands One and have spent most of the intervening years in leagues one or two, being relegated to Midlands 3 this season, with Newbold.

If the club could field an all star XV of former players, it would be impressive, as they number the likes of Neil Back, Danny Grewcock, Rob Hardwick and Leon Lloyd amongst their alumni.

OLs have had a number of tussles with them in recent years, twice knocking them out of the Warwickshire Cup when playing in a league below. The last meetings were during our relegation season in Midlands Two – and who present could forget 'that try' by Nipper Nealon that won the away game for us!

Today's game threatens to be a close affair, as Barkers arrive having won four of their six games so far and lie just four points behind OLs in the league, with a game in hand. A home win would open up a gap to one of our main challengers that would begin to look significant; a win for our visitors would put them right back into contention – a real four pointer!

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Sundry Stuff

The way it should be

A quick glance at the 1st XV scoring stats for the season so far reveals that, of the 34 tries recorded in the nine games played, 21 have come from the 'back 3' – the wings and full back. And Simon Bayliss has been missing for the last five, after his injury in September! That amounts to 62% of the total and is testimony to the expansive game we have been playing. Of the other 13, no less than 6 have been claimed by Richard Parker from scrum half - he has become a lethal weapon around the fringes of the scrum. You need a kicker to add value to the tries – Danny Orr has been just that man. In the 8 games in which he has played, 28 tries have been scored and he has converted 22 – a strike rate of 79%.

Kev White has been kept equally busy by the 3rd team and has kicked 29 conversions from the 41 tries they have scored – a strike rate of 70%. And he has notched 5 of the tries!

Kev & Danny are almost inseparable at the top of the scoring stats table for the season – see the details later in this programme.

...and more stats

In nine games so far this season, no less than 29 players have started for the 1st XV; and another 4 have appeared from the bench! This says something about our strength in depth as only one of the nine games has been lost. Just two 1st team players have been ever present – Carl Adams and Mark Todd.

Keeping it clean

Keeping a clean sheet defensively is not as common as might be believed – when we achieved it against OCs last week, it was only the third time it had happened in our league this season, and that's from a total of 42 games played so far.

The Local Scene

Rugby Lions followed up the draw with Ealing that took their opponents' 100% record with a win at Havant, the basement club in National 3 South

Newbold went to Earlsdon last Saturday and came away with a narrow 19-17 win. It's difficult to know how to rate this victory, as the previous weekend Earlsdon had been beaten by Spartans, by an apparently comfortable score of 32-10. But no doubt Bold's match report will give us an objective view!

In a one sided local derby in Midlands 4 East, **Rugby St Andrews** romped home by 48-0 against **Long Buckby**. Saints are riding high, now in 4th spot in the league with a W5, L2 record; but Buckby have really fallen on hard times, winless at the bottom of the table. **Daventry**, still lead that league with a 100% record and have obviously strengthened their side since last season.

Rugby Welsh continue their winning ways, now with 5 wins from 5 at the top of Midlands 6 West (SE) and 4 points clear of the second club. Also going well are **Harbury**, at the top of Midlands 5 West (S) with 6 wins from 7 games so far.

Playing at our level in Midlands 3 East, **Lutterworth** are experiencing an indifferent season with 3 wins from 7 and occupy 7th place in the table.

Broadstreet and **Kenilworth** have uncannily similar playing records in Midlands 1, sitting in 3rd and 4th positions respectively in the league table and only separated by a small margin in points difference. In Midlands 2 West, **Hereford** comfortably saw off **Sutton Coldfield** by 38-6 and are only separated from Burton at the top of the league by points difference, Bromsgrove making up the top three.

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Earlier Action – 25th October

Leamington 41 - Old Laurentians 15

A casual observer turning up at Leamington's Moorefields ground on Saturday would have assumed that the home side was the one starting the game with a 100% league record. OLs didn't just lose that record, they were comprehensively beaten by a dominant Spa side that was superior in every department.

Laurentians were probably short of their best line up in three or four positions, and they did suffer the loss of their main strike runner, James Murray, after just four minutes, but a team with title pretensions should be able to overcome such handicaps.

Leamington's outstanding half backs pulled all the strings in this game, taking full advantage of the dominant display turned in by their pack, who had the sluggish Laurentian eight back pedalling all afternoon. OLs didn't help their cause with some poor kicking that regularly handed the initiative back to the lively Leamington backs, who were happy to run the ball back, with interest.

This created overlaps that the home side exploited ruthlessly, often leaving the OL's back line facing two to one situations in defence. Neither did they fare any better in attack with possession that was frequently slow and laboured, the Leamington centres and back row stifling their efforts with ease.

There was some ferocious tackling from Carl Adams and Glenn Todd in an effort to stem the tide, but the Leamington forwards were quick to the breakdown and recycled the ball so efficiently that their backs always had space and time to operate.

Half time was reached with OLs still in touch at 17-7, Matt Miller having punished a Leamington error to go over early on, Danny Orr converting. But the home side turned the screw in the second period, adding four more tries to the three they had registered by the break. Orr added a second half penalty for OLs, but they created no other scoring chances until the last action of the match, when Mark Todd twisted and turned his way over the line to finish off the one coherent attacking spell his side had mounted in the entire half.

OLs still lead the table, but Leamington now lurk dangerously in second place and on the evidence of this performance would seem more likely to be taking the honours next April. But there is a long way to go before the season reaches its decisive stages, and in recent encounters between these two sides, the one with home advantage has invariably walked off with the win points.

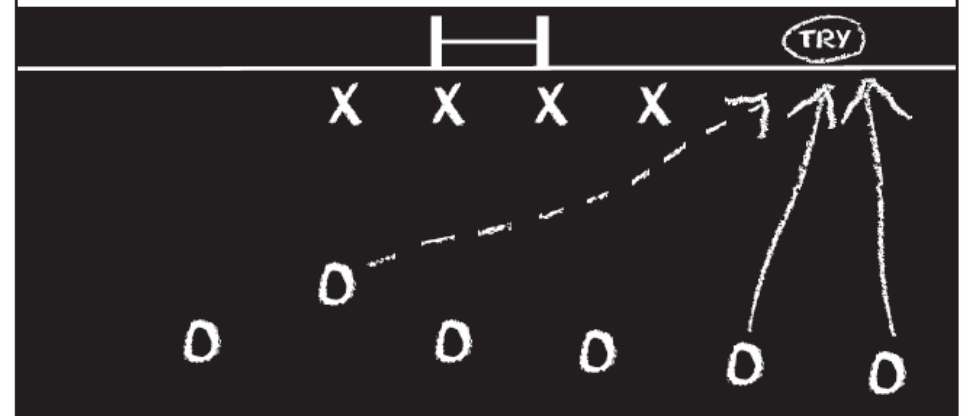


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Match Report – 1st November

Midlands 3 West (South)

Old Laurentians 20 – Old Coventrians 0

OLs returned to winning ways with a comfortable victory over the side lying third in the league table and just two points behind the Fenley Field men at the beginning of the game. Player non-availability and a late withdrawal meant that Laurentians fielded their smallest pack for some time and although they struggled at set pieces in the first half, they came good in the second to secure the win.

Playing with a stiff wind at their backs in the first half, the home side used it effectively to build a lead of 13-0 that provided a buffer when they turned round to face the elements.

Most of the early action was in OC's half, but it took thirty minutes to break down a stubborn defence. The trigger was a long break by scrum half Richard Parker from half way and when he was held just short of the line on the right the ball was moved quickly left to give Matt Miller a glimpse of the line, which is all that OL's prolific wing needs. He finished decisively and Danny Orr converted the try. Orr then added two penalties to give his side a comfortable lead at the break.

OCs started the second half aggressively but some good Laurentian defensive work kept them at bay. OLs were now asserting themselves up front, Carl Adams and Andy Coleman winning some good lineout ball and the back row working well with scrum half Parker to put the OC's half backs under pressure. Miller and right wing Steve Pike both went close after some slick handling by the OL's backs and the home side were now running the game.

OCs now had the wind behind them but their kicking erred on the wayward side and full back Grant Inch ran the ball back with pace and power to set up some dangerous attacks by OLs. The score that had been threatened for some time came when Parker robbed his opposite number at an OC's scrum and shredded the defensive cover to run in a trademark try from twenty five metres out, Orr adding the goal points.

Prop Ollie Cowley made an impressive 1st team debut when he came on for the last twenty minutes, scrummaging strongly and putting in some effective work in the loose, his contribution helping to keep OLs in charge and secure two valuable league points against one of their main challengers.

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Recent Action from the 2nd & 3rd XV's

Warwickshire League 1

Old Coventrians 2nds 22 - Old Laurentian 2nds 5

Having knocked OCs out of the Warwickshire cup earlier in the season, OLs were in confident mood travelling to Coventry. However they faced a fired up OCs side and the loss of influential skipper Dave Middleton and two subsequent sending offs meant two more league points went begging.

OLs started the game well but poor handling and wrong decisions kept the game scoreless. OCs then broke out of defence to score a converted try to give them a lead they were never to lose. Middleton then had to leave the field with an injury that has certainly finished his season, to be replaced by Ray Smith.

OCs sensed an upset on the cards and scored an unconverted try on the stroke of half time to go in 12-0 up at the break. OLs came out strongly in the second half and after a storming charge from Rich Hayes the ball was moved wide for Adam Crawshaw to touch down, the conversion being missed. OLs had their tails up, but a moment of madness saw them reduced to 14 men by the first red card, and OCs made their extra man count to score two more unconverted tries.

OLs miserable day was completed when they were reduced to 13 men in a bizarre case of mistaken identity that led to a second sending off, but they must now re-group and turn their misfortune around as there is still all to play for this season

Warwickshire League 3

Old Laurentians 3rds 36 - Manor Park 2nds 24

Stuart Birch's boys recorded their 7th successive league victory but were severely tested by a very physical Manor Park side. OL's raced to an early lead with three tries through skipper Stu Birch, centre Rhys Wade and Phil Walters on the wing, Kev White adding the points to two of them.

However, a moment of confusion with a touchline call let Manor Park run in a gift of a try which sparked a comeback for the visitors. Two more tries and a penalty later OL's found themselves 24 - 19 down and in danger of throwing the game away.

This was just the wake up call needed and after some pressure, the impressive Wade weaved his way through the defence for his second. Finally, a late brace by the newly married Marc Owen, playing out of position on the wing, and a conversion by White put the game out of the visitors reach.

Thanks to Dave Middleton and Kev White for these reports.



Wish OL's the best of luck this season!

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News from Midlands 3

Last week's league programme produced a more predictable round of results than has been the case on some recent Saturdays, although it still didn't lose its capacity to surprise.

Perhaps the biggest of those surprises concerned the side starting the day in bottom place, **Berkswell & Balsall**, overcoming **Spartans**. The losers had dished out a 32-10 beating to **Earlsdon** the previous week – the Coventry club are, as we know, never an easy one to play!

Earlsdon's reversal at the hands of **Newbold** was obviously a tight affair and looks, on paper, to be one that could have gone either way. The Bold are obviously getting it together and beginning to climb the table. But the Coventry side's mauling by Spartans a week earlier may put the Newbold result into a different perspective.

The other games tended to go the way of the form sides, although it is difficult to assess **Droitwich's** form and record. Having taken Barkers Butts undefeated record away from home, last week they went down at home to **Nuneaton Old Eds**.

Looking across to the Northern half of Midlands 3 West, we see newly promoted Old Halesonians leading the way with a 100% record. They went through last season's league campaign undefeated and have picked up where they left off. They were responsible for ending our interest in the Senior Vase last season, but have already exited this year's competition at the hands of Barkers Butts.

Our next opponents in this year's Vase, Lichfield, operate in this league, and currently lie in 9th spot with a W3, L4 record – and their wins have come at the expense of the teams below them in the table. But that sort of form can often mean nothing in the heat of a cup competition!

Midlands 3 West (S) results, Saturday 1st November

Barkers Butts	17	v	8	Kidderminster
Berkswell & Balsall	22	v	3	Spartans
Droitwich	7	v	15	Nuneaton Old Eds
Earlsdon	17	v	19	Newbold
Old Laurentians	20	v	0	Old Coventrians
Silhillians	14	v	28	Leamington

Warwickshire League 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Nuneaton Old Eds.	7	6	0	1	196	103	93	25
2	Broadstreet	6	6	0	0	257	47	210	24
3	Leamington	7	5	0	2	134	94	40	22
4	Newbold-on-Avon	7	5	0	2	108	74	34	22
5	Kenilworth	6	5	0	1	213	81	132	21
6	Spartans	7	3	0	4	116	168	-52	16
7	Barkers Butts	7	3	0	4	111	194	-83	16
8	Old Coventrians	6	3	0	3	84	67	17	15
9	Stratford	7	2	0	5	94	211	-117	11
10	Old Laurentians	6	1	0	5	113	175	-62	9
11	Silhillians	7	1	0	6	91	220	-129	9
12	Earlsdon	7	0	0	7	84	167	-83	6

Warwickshire League 3

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Broadstreet III	7	7	0	0	394	50	354	28
2	Old Laurentians III	7	7	0	0	281	43	238	28
3	Leamington III	7	7	0	0	199	58	141	28
4	Manor Park II	7	4	0	3	237	95	142	19
5	Kenilworth III	7	4	0	3	173	146	27	18
6	Harbury II	7	3	0	4	128	150	-22	16
7	Coventry Welsh II	7	2	0	5	77	212	-135	13
8	Spartans III	7	2	0	5	98	238	-140	13
9	Old Coventrians III	7	2	0	5	82	373	-291	13
10	Bedworth III	7	2	0	5	89	162	-73	11
11	Stoke Old Boys II	7	1	0	6	66	137	-71	10
12	Coventrians II	7	1	0	6	102	262	-160	9

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 as team failing to fulfil a fixture, a 20-0 win is awarded to their opponents.

Action from VPs Day games



Moving the ball through the centre



Richard Parker on the break that set up Matt Miller's try



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Marc Owen touches down for the 3rds final try against Manor Park



VPs relaxing after an excellent lunch

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Bonfire Night

The Club's Bonfire Night was another tremendous success on Wednesday and it was estimated that over 1,500 people came through the gate.

Thanks are due to event organiser Keith Finch, who, with Pat Dunn, Guy Murphy, Rich Hayes and Arwel Jones managed the firework display; and the bonfire was the work of that master builder Arwel Jones, as usual.

Thanks also go to Mick Warwick and his team on the gate; to Steve Pike and helpers for managing the car park; and to Andie Middleton and her team for their work behind the bar.

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Leading Scorers (10 pts or more, to 1/11/08)

Player	Tries	Convs	Pens	Drops	Tot Pts
Kev White	5	29	1	0	86
Danny Orr	0	22	13	0	83
Matt Miller	8	0	0	0	40
Denzil Evans	2	11	2	0	38
Simon Bayliss	7	0	0	0	35
James Murray	5	2	1	0	32
Rich Parker	6	0	0	0	30
Mawande Sinyakanyaka	5	0	0	0	25
Stuart Birch	5	0	0	0	25
Rhys Wade	5	0	0	0	25
Ben Wiles	1	8	1	0	24
David Longrigg	4	0	0	0	20
Jamie Brightwell	4	0	0	0	20
Ricky Reed	4	0	0	0	20
Pete Rigg	3	0	0	0	15
Gary Hammond	3	0	0	0	15
Marc Owen	3	0	0	0	15
Mitch Lampard	2	0	0	0	10
John Linnell	2	0	0	0	10
Rich Hughes	2	0	0	0	10
Iain Wallis	2	0	0	0	10
Phil Walters	2	0	0	0	10

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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
Nov. 8 th	Snail Racing (TONIGHT)
Nov. 21 st	Wine & Music Evening, 7.30
Dec (TBC)	Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 26 th	Inter-club game, followed by a Christmas Karaoke night
Jan. 1 st	New Year's Day Party
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
April 4 th	Sponsors Day, game v Berkswell & Balsall
May (TBC)	Club Dinner

Midlands 3 West (S) fixtures, Saturday 8th November

Leamington	v	Earlsdon
Newbold on Avon	v	Berkswell & Balsall
Nuneaton Old Edwardians	v	Kidderminster
Old Coventrians	v	Silhillians
Old Laurentians	v	Barkers Butts
Spartans	v	Droitwich

Midlands 3 West (South) League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Old Laurentians	7	6	0	1	192	103	89	12
2	Leamington	7	5	0	2	173	104	69	10
3	Barkers Butts	6	4	0	2	113	61	52	8
4	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	7	4	0	3	134	129	5	8
5	Old Coventrians	7	4	0	3	109	130	-21	8
6	Droitwich	7	3	1	3	101	112	-11	7
7	Earlsdon	7	3	1	3	119	139	-20	7
8	Newbold on Avon	6	3	0	3	99	92	7	6
9	Spartans	7	3	0	4	96	152	-56	6
10	Silhillians	7	2	0	5	138	155	-17	4
11	Berkswell & Balsall	7	1	1	5	70	113	-43	3
12	Kidderminster	7	1	1	5	95	149	-54	3

Fixtures Matrix

	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	15/11	31/01	10/01	18/04	06/12
B & Balsall	07/03		21/02	12-17	7-16	15/11	10/01	31/01	18/04	06/12	28/03	22-3
Droitwich	14/02	10-10		07/03	31/01	18/04	15/11	7-15	06/12	28/03	28-17	10/01
Earlsdon	28/03	14/03	15-3		21/02	10/01	17-19	26-20	15/11	18/04	06/12	31/01
Kidderminster	24/01	14/02	15-25	18-18		06/12	18/04	10/01	28/03	14-31	07/03	15/11
Leamington	0-13	20/12	29/11	08/11	04/04		25-15	5-19	14/02	41-15	24/01	14/03
Newbold	Postp	08/11	20/12	24/01	29/11	07/03		04/04	17-10	14/02	32-17	3-7
Nuneaton OEs	20/12	17-0	24/01	14/02	08/11	28/03	06/12		23-24	07/03	23-18	18/04
Old Covents	14-13	29/11	04/04	20/12	24-19	10-35	21/02	14/03		24/01	08/11	27-3
OLs	08/11	04/04	32-12	29/11	14/03	31/01	18-13	49-17	20-0		20/12	21/02
Silhillians	29/11	23-12	14/03	04/04	27-5	14-28	31/01	21/02	10/01	15/11		24-27
Spartans	04/04	24/01	08/11	32-10	20/12	18-39	28/03	29/11	07/03	6-27	14/02	

The above matrix shows the 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 (8/03) 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!

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