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## 1<sup>st</sup> XV Fixtures & Results

Date		Opponents	Venue	Type	Result	
Month	Day				+	-
September	5	Northampton Old Scouts	A	F	31	12
September	12	Droitwich	A	L	12	18
September	19	Towcestrians	H	F	11	8
September	26	Earlsdon	H	L	36	23
October	3	Kidderminster	A	L	25	7
October	10	Newbold on Avon	H	L	33	8
October	17	Old Coventrians	A	L	9	25
October	24	Banbury	H	IC		
October	31	Worcester Wanderers	A	L		
November	7	Silhillians	H	L		
November	14	Spartans	A	L		
November	21	<i>Intermediate Cup (TBA)</i>		IC		
November	28	Barkers Butts	H	L		
December	5	Bedworth	A	L		
December	12	Berkswell & Balsall	H	L		
December	19	Earlsdon	A	L		
December	26	<i>Inter Club Game</i>				
January	2	<i>Intermediate Cup (TBA)</i>		IC		
January	9	Kidderminster	H	L		
January	16	Newbold on Avon	A	L		
January	23	Old Coventrians	H	L		
January	30	Worcester Wanderers	H	L		
February	6	<i>Intermediate Cup (TBA)</i>		IC		
February	13	Silhillians	A	L		
February	20	Spartans	H	L		
February	27	<i>Intermediate Cup (TBA)</i>		IC		
March	6	Barkers Butts	A	L		
March	13					
March	20					
March	27	Bedworth	H	L		
April	3					
April	10	Berkswell & Balsall	A	L		
April	17	Droitwich	H	L		

Fixture Key

Friendly = F, Midlands 2 West South = L, Warwickshire Cup = W, Int. Cup = IC

## Welcome to Fenley Field



Hello and welcome to Old Laurentian RFC, with a particular welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Banbury RUFC.

If this is your first visit to OLRFC, I hope you enjoy your time here. For the majority of you this will not be your first visit and we are very pleased to have you back. We have made some noticeable changes to our grounds over recent years and are very proud of what has been achieved. After 50+ years and much abuse the clubhouse is now in its winter and the focus of our attention. We have a few ideas in mind so watch this space.

On the playing side we suffered another disappointment last season, after a great start we narrowly missed out on promotion again. The frustration of a 2<sup>nd</sup> nearly season has meant that we have retained the services of Carl Adams as our Club Captain - he is determined to lead us to league victory and will require the support of players and supporters. Carl personally enjoyed a great 2008/9 season, acknowledged by the awards of Player Of The Year & Supporters Player Of The Year. His goal this year is to add consistency to the team's performances in the hope that we can achieve that elusive league trophy.

Success on the pitch comes from hard work off it. Because of the generosity of our sponsors and VP's we are able to offer superb training facilities and excellent coaching, led this year by our evergreen Club Coach, Stuart Birch. This is Birchy's 2<sup>nd</sup> stint as Club Coach, his last brought us promotion to Midlands 1 and it is hoped that, under his guidance, players will show their appreciation of the commitment of our coaching team by working hard mid-week so they can perform to the best of their ability at weekends.

This year, Sunday rugby has come back to OLs. Dan Volkman has gathered a team to head up a minis section for children in the age groups from under 6 to under 9. They are also running a girls section up to under 12, which will be non-contact tag rugby. If you would like more information, please contact Dan on mobile 07718 770273 or email dpvolkman@yahoo.co.uk

We are also pleased to confirm that the Rugby Lions U17's section is using the OLs for training and playing this season. Their fixtures have been included in our Members Fixtures Booklet and they will be delighted to receive your support on a Sunday morning.

As for today, let's hope for a competitive game with the right result and a lively debate over a pint afterwards. Enjoy your day and we look forward to having you back soon.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> XV - Fixtures & Results

			2nd XV			3rd XV		
				+	-		+	-
Sept	5	F	Rugby Welsh	H	11	29		
Sept	12	L	Stratford upon Avon	H	69	0		
Sept	19	F	Leicester Lions III	A	46	10		
Sept	26	L	Barkers Butts	H	canc.		Long Buckby	A 38 10
Oct	3	W	Silhillians	H	71	7	Nuneaton Old Eds	H 12 42
Oct	10	F	Northampton OS	A	canc.		Lutterworth	H 24 5
Oct	17	L	Newbold on Avon	H	38	0*	Rugby St Andrews	H canc.
Oct	24	L	Leamington	A			Old Coventrians	H
Oct	31	L	Old Coventrians	A				
Nov	7	L	Broadstreet	H			Coalville	A
Nov	14	L	Kenilworth	A				
Nov	21	W	Old Coventrians	A			Standard	H
Nov	28	L	Nuneaton Old Eds	H			Towcestrians	A
Dec	5						Leicester Lions IV	H
Dec	12	L	Earlsdon	A				
Dec	19	L	Kenilworth	H				
Dec	26		<b>INTER CLUB GAME</b>					
Jan	2	C						
Jan	9	L					Old Leamingtonians	H
Jan	16	L	Broadstreet	A				
Jan	23	L	Old Coventrians	H			N'pton Old Scouts	A
Jan	30	L	Newbold on Avon	A			Rugby St Andrews	A
Feb	6	F	Rugby Welsh	A			Old Coventrians	A
Feb	13	L	Leamington	H			Lutterworth	A
Feb	20	L	Barkers Butts	A			Long Buckby	H
Feb	27	F	Market Harborough	H			Nuneaton Old Eds	A
March	6	L	Stratford upon Avon	A				
March	13	F	Leicester Lions III	H			Newbold on Avon	A
March	20						Harbury II	A
March	27	L	Earlsdon	H				
April	3							
April	10	L	Nuneaton Old Eds	A			Towcestrians	H
April	17	F	Towcestrians	H			Leicester Lions IV	H
April	24							

Key: League (Warwicks 1) = L; Friendly = F; Warwickshire 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Cup = W, Clonmel Cup = C (\*Match abandoned at half time)



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## Today's Visitors Banbury RUFC



**Banbury RUFC** was founded in 1925 and for the first seventy years of its life had a relatively normal and untroubled existence, before a massive stroke of good fortune was followed by a long period of financial upheaval when the very existence of the club was threatened. The good fortune occurred in 1995 when they sold their ground, where they had played since they were formed, to Sainsburys for a very large sum.

The club then acquired an 18 acre site on Oxford Road, Banbury and developed the Bodicote Park complex, with eight pitches and a superb clubhouse and grandstand structure. The ownership of the land, buildings and pitches continued under the club's original 1951 charitable trust while a limited company was set up to run Bodicote Park.

Inspired by its magnificent surroundings, the club expanded its horizons on the playing front and began to recruit players from far and wide, including the southern hemisphere.

The story thereafter is long and complicated and revolves around the club's status as a charitable trust and their ability to claim an 80% rebate on business rates. However, the district council claimed full business rates should apply because a limited company had been set up; and in due course the company set up by the trustees to run Bodicote Park went into receivership after Cherwell District Council won a court case over unpaid rates of £120,000 in the year 2000,

The saga rolled on, the then Minister for Sport Richard Caborn being moved to intervene in an attempt to resolve the issue. Ultimately a property developer stepped in to buy the complex from the receivers set up by Charity Commission and sold the clubhouse complex to Bannatynes, who developed it as a leisure centre.

During this period the club was effectively exiled and used Banbury Cricket Club as their social base. Subsequently they returned to Bodicote Park as tenants and now have full use again of the changing facilities, clubhouse and grounds, although their long term tenure is uncertain.

So a degree of normality returned, although their playing status has declined, from having been a leading regional club some seven years ago to their current position in the parallel league to OLs in Midlands East. But today they lead that league, with a P4, D1, L0 record, the draw (11-11) having come against Towcestrians just a week before we played the same club in a friendly and won 11-8. That suggests a close fought game is on the cards today!

The size of the Bodicote Park grounds has enabled the club to develop a large mini and junior section, some 350 young players being involved every Sunday. This part of the club has been very successful, with a string of playing honours achieved, and should ensure the long term playing fortunes of Banbury RUFC.

We are delighted to welcome the Banbury team, officials and supporters to Fenley Field today and wish them good fortune and success in the future.



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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**Midlands 2 West (South), ko 2.15pm**

## Farewell and thanks to Andie Middleton



After three years of sweat and toil on our behalf, **Andie** has pulled her last pint behind the clubhouse bar. Last Saturday, Stu Birch presented her with a bouquet on our behalf and offered the grateful thanks of all members for the terrific job she has done for the club. Even the most regular drinkers have only ever seen a fraction of what Andie does as the clubhouse is let for a variety of functions and events, twelve months of the year – and she has invariably been on hand to

manage affairs.

Andie has penned her own farewell to everybody, which we are pleased to feature here:

“Dear All

Well here we are, at the end of a chapter! It will be rather weird after three years not having to serve you guys, or you all finding things for me to do. Thank you all for your support over the years; it's been a pleasure (well sometimes!) Thank you to Keith Finch for taking me to cash and carry every week, and to Simmo, who always helps me; and the biggest thanks goes to my hubby Dave who has ferried me here there and everywhere and stays till the end with me on a Saturday! Good luck with the game today, I can now stand and watch again; and it's true what they say, if you look after your boys, they will look after you. Thanks! Good luck to Chris who is taking over from me - it will be an eye opener for him.

Best wishes  
Andie xx”

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## Earlier 1<sup>st</sup> XV Match Report

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

### Old Laurentians 33 – Newbold on Avon 8

The strong rivalry between these two clubs produced a match of high intensity, which would be the case even without the league points on offer to add that extra spice to the clash. Laurentians took the honours, and the points, with the largest winning margin in this encounter for some years.

But to do so they had to withstand a period of strong pressure from the Newbold side midway through the second half when a score by the visitors would have put the game back into the balance. But some outstanding defence kept them at bay before OLs moved up a couple of gears to secure a comfortable win.

The first score wasn't long in coming, Wiles putting over a fine penalty from 40 metres after Newbold were caught offside. The riposte from the visitors was swift, Richard Allen putting in a long, raking penalty to give Bold a lineout just ten metres from OLs line. The ball was won and released quickly to the left where Dave Barclay ran in for a well taken try to give Newbold the lead at 5-3 after fifteen minutes play.

OLs were dominating territorially and from the re-start their pressure won a penalty on the 22, Wiles putting the kick over to restore OL's lead at 6-5. But Newbold hit straight back to force a penalty that Allen converted to put his side ahead by 8-6 after twenty minutes and on just their second excursion into OL's territory.

By now OLs had the upper hand in the contest, their pack competing effectively and Mark Todd's throwing giving Paul Willis and Ben O'Riordan the opportunity to dominate at the lineouts.

Twice OLs came close to tries in the next ten minutes, first when Denzil Evans' finely judged crossfield kick found Simon Bayliss, but the right wing just failed to catch the ball cleanly as he crossed the line; then Glenn Todd drove over from close range only for the referee to rule that he hadn't grounded the ball. But the pressure told when Newbold conceded a penalty on their 22 and Wiles kicked his side back into the lead at 9-8 after 33 minutes.

As half time approached, another OLs attack finished with a knock on. But at the following scrum the Newbold eight were driven back, Carl Adams stole the ball and with Glenn Todd took it on to the line before it was moved slickly to the right, where Evans went over. Wiles converted the try for a 16-8 lead to OLs at half time.

The early part of the second period yielded little until Bold's forwards lifted their game to put OLs under heavy pressure, the home side holding out with some fine defence to keep the visitors scoreless during this spell.

OLs lifted the siege and Ben O'Riordan drove deep into the visitors' defence, fly half Wiles put in a steepling kick and Bold's back three conceded a scrum. Adams picked up at the base and deftly offloaded to Bayliss from the tackle, the wing speeding over for a try on the right and a 21-8 lead after 31 minutes.

Four minutes later a tremendous drive by OL's pack forced the Newbold eight back and when the ball was released Wallis splintered the Bold midfield defence before Chris le Poidevin finished off the move with a try to extend his side's lead to 26-8.

Minutes later Wallis repeated the treatment to slice through the defence again, the ball reached Evans and his clever crossfield kick gave Bayliss the chance to outstrip the cover and touch down, Wiles converting handsomely for the final score of the game.



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### Intermediate Cup, Midlands - 2009

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Aston Old Edwardians	v	Kidderminster
Barkers Butts	v	Market Harborough
Belgrave	v	Northampton Old Scouts
Droitwich	v	Bridgnorth
Earlsdon	v	Coalville
Huntingdon & District	v	Lincoln
Leicester Forest	v	Spartans
Lordswood Dixonians	v	Melton Mowbray
Ludlow	v	Worcester Wanderers
Old Coventrians	v	Lutterworth
Old Laurentians	v	Banbury
Old Saltleians	v	Loughborough
Peterborough Lions	v	Market Rasen & Louth
Silhillians	v	Lichfield
Towcestrians	v	Spalding
Willenhall	v	Bakewell Mannerians

### Intermediate Cup – 2001

The RFU press release about the national knock out cups, including the draws, appeared on the Rugby Advertiser's website some three weeks ago. This week the term 'Intermediate Cup' was entered on the search facility on that website to turn up the original article – and it produced a fascinating by-product! Appearing, from September 2001, was the match report of OL's Intermediate Cup game against Southam, which resulted in a 35-0 win for the club. On the same weekend, the 2nds also beat Southam, this time by 45-0, in the Clonmel Cup. And on the Saturday we also turned out a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XV, against Hinckley and Rugby Welsh respectively. Where have all the players gone?!

From that weekend's first XV, just Paul Willis and Iain Wallis are in action today. Chris Perkins made his debut in the back row (should that have been Dave Perkins?), Dave Wraith, Adie Cleaver and Daz Price were in the back line and the side's main kicker was Ricky Reed. Mentioned twice, and prominent in play, was Ian Bowie, Dave Wallis was at no 10 and a family trio was made up by Ted Wallis on the opposite wing to brother Iain. King, Hammond and Marsella led the forward effort and Carl Chaplow made his first appearance of the season.

Tries were scored by Iain Wallis (three of them!) Ricky Reed and a penalty try awarded when Adie Cleaver was high tackled close to the line – not an unfamiliar occurrence for Adie!



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Simon Bayliss rounds his man



Carl Adams on the charge



Iain Wallis on the run that sets up OL's last try



Ben O'Riordan leaps to win a lineout



Dan Volkman on the charge for the 2nds



Howard Harris breaks with Scott Wiles close by

Photos by Ray Todd

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## Match Report

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2009**

### **Old Coventrians 25 - Old Laurentians 9**

If OLs travelled to Coventry expecting an easy ride against a side which had lost all four of its league games before this one, they were in for a rude awakening. Not only did Old Coventrians spring a major surprise, they did so with some ease, scoring four tries to none and outplaying OLs in most areas of the game.

The OC's side that took the field on Saturday was reinforced and strengthened from the team that had endured such a miserable start to the season, but this doesn't explain OL's lacklustre response to the challenge they posed. Their defensive game was well below par, the tackling woeful at times, and the direct running style of OC's backs and flankers exposed some serious deficiencies.

This was demonstrated by the first try when OC's outside centre left a trail of would be tacklers in his wake as he was allowed to run fifty metres down the touchline to score. Then a hopeful punt down the middle was fielded by OC's full back who made a lot of ground through heavy midfield traffic before putting his wing over for the second try.

Ben Wiles kept OLs in touch with three penalties, but OC's fly half responded with a penalty and converted one of the tries to leave his side 15-9 ahead at the break, a situation that was far from hopeless for OLs as they turned round

But despite spending most of the second half in opposition territory, OLs failed to display the imagination and determination needed to break down a hard tackling and alert OC's defensive effort; and they were handicapped throughout by slow and laboured possession from scrums.

The home side were not above a few shady tactics to slow the game down illegally and had two men yellow carded, putting OL's effort into an even poorer light as they were up against fourteen men for a quarter of the game.

OC's excellent number 6, always a thorn in Laurentians' side, broke wide from the base of a scrum and made thirty metres before he was hauled down, offloading from the tackle to his full back who ran in for the score and a 20-9 lead. Then, and not for the first time, OLs lost possession in contact and the home side moved the ball quickly into the open spaces to run in the final try from deep in their own half.

OL's day was summed up by an incident in the final quarter when they were pressing the opposition line and OC's number 5 illegally prevented release, to be banished to the sin bin. The referee heard some unnecessary Laurentian backchat and reversed his penalty award. So, instead of taking a penalty five metres from the try line, OLs found themselves defending an OC's lineout on the halfway line!

*Report by Bill Wallis*

## Warwickshire League 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	A	PD	Pts
1	Old Laurentians	3	3	0	0	127	0	127	12
2	Stratford	3	2	0	1	125	88	37	9
3	Leamington	3	2	0	1	85	56	29	8
4	Nuneaton Old Eds.	2	2	0	0	114	12	102	8
5	Broadstreet	2	2	0	0	101	0	101	8
6	Earlson	3	1	0	2	38	101	-63	6
7	Kenilworth	1	1	0	0	40	27	13	4
8	Newbold-on-Avon	3	0	0	3	25	120	-95	3
9	Old Coventrians	3	0	0	3	44	189	-145	3
10	Barkers Butts	3	0	0	3	12	118	-106	2

### Match Report – 10<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Old Laurentian 3<sup>rd</sup> XV 24 – Lutterworth 3<sup>rd</sup> XV 5**

The curtain raiser to the main event at Fenley Field on Saturday saw a strong third team take on Lutterworth. OL's frustration at the late arrival of their opponents denying them the opportunity of seeing all of the first team clash against Newbold was channelled effectively into the first ten minutes of the match as forward domination was established and the OL's intentions made clear.

The back row of George Rapsomanikis, a returning Richard Foxon and the impressive John Dennik were quick to the breakdown and solid in the tackle, eventually earning a try from Foxon after 25 minutes. Welcome back.

Despite the continuing bossing of the game by the OL's pack at set piece and in the loose, most of their first half possession was squandered with an Arsenalesque desire to over - complicate and score the perfect try.

A debut try for Dennik toward the end of the half, converted by Rigg, was the only addition to their tally despite the vast majority of possession and the thirds turned around 12 - 0 to the good.

An early rally from Lutterworth at the start of the second half saw them score their only points of the game by way of a try after some obdurate OL's defending. But normal service was soon resumed and Kyle Knott playing his first ever game at fly half was able to get the backs running - and run they did, with the back three strike runners of Coburn, Ryan Edwards and Phil Walters seeing plenty of ball, but it was to be a forward who scored next. Half way through the second half and the now omnipresent, Dennik rendered the Lutterworth defence impotent as he powered through to score his second try of what will surely be many for OLs. Rigg was able to convert and OLs played out the rest of the game in the Lutterworth half.

Despite a line out that misfired at times, the scrummage was working well with several won against the head and OLs had too much for this Lutterworth side. As the clock ran down, Rigg, now filling in for the injured Cooper at scrum half sent a chip over the Lutterworth centres, a hack on, a lucky bounce and a footrace for the ball resting over the line and Rigg brought his personal tally for the match to 9 points with the final try of the third's afternoon.

*Report by Tim Chambers*

## Seconds Roundup

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team's great start to the season continues, but Ricky Reed and his men are becoming very frustrated at the relative lack of match play. First Barkers Butts cried off from the scheduled league fixture, then Leamington did the same, citing a re-arranged game against Kenilworth to play. On the latter occasion a pool fixture was arranged away at Northampton Old Scouts, but Scouts double booked on the day and our lads were warming up before they found out! At least they made it back to Fenley Field in time to see the second half of the 1sts game against Newbold! The Leamington fixture has been re-arranged for today (away).

To cap it all, last Saturday they went 38-0 up by half time against Newbold, who then threw in the towel! Here's the report:

### Warwickshire League 1

#### Old Laurentian 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 38 – Newbold 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 0 *(match abandoned at half time)*

In a somewhat bizarre match at Fenley Field, OLs dominated a game that was abandoned at half-time. Having built up a 38-0 lead, the game was ended when the visitors declared they only had 11 fit players left and didn't want to continue, leaving OL's team and supporters somewhat bewildered and some of the visiting team rather embarrassed.

The rout began when prop Paul Amor showed a great turn of speed and burst over under the posts from fully 25 metres with the Newbold defence apparently not wanting to risk getting in the way, Jamie Brightwell adding the conversion.

From a scrum on the 25, skipper Ricky Reed noticed a defensive mismatch and burst through the blind side to go over in the corner. Some great passing and offloading then led to winger Matt Coleman having a relatively free run to the line with Brightwell again converting to build up a 19-0 lead.

OLs seemed to be able to run at will and it was no surprise when Brightwell added two further tries with runs from deep without any Newbold defenders getting close to putting in a tackle, the scorer adding conversions to both to increase the margin to 33-0.

Another great period of play with forwards and backs trying to out-do each other in demonstrating their running and passing skills created another gap for Scott Whyment to again race over in the corner for the final score of the half.

Oddly, it was Newbold who then put in a period of sustained pressure close to the home side's try line but some great defensive work kept the scoresheet clean as the half-time whistle blew.

The definitive final result will obviously need to be determined by the league and OLs await with interest their verdict on the outcome.

*Report by Ray Todd*



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## Sundry Stuff

### The heavy mob boosts sales!

We took just short of £500 in programme sales at the Newbold game two weeks ago, thanks to the efforts of Rob Smith, Al Foster and Dean Cobley (plus Cobley Jnr) on the gate. No-one got by them, unless they had a cast iron reason. It is rumoured that they were getting car drivers to open their boots in case they were trying to smuggle non-payers in! Thanks, guys.

### Putting a gloss on it

The Newbold website shows the result of the 2nds league match as 20-0 to OLs – the default score for the Warwickshire Leagues when a game is abandoned. Elsewhere in this publication you will see the reality!

### Honking on the pitch!?

Thanks to the insider (anonymous!) who provided an insight to Carl Adams' pre-match speech before the Newbold game when he invoked the characteristics of a flock of flying geese to demonstrate what he wanted from the team that day. Apparently this included reference to the need to honk to encourage others, although not too much of that activity was apparent from the touchline, thankfully.

### Danny Orr moving on

Danny Orr has never made a secret of his ambition to move on and up in th game and is trying his luck with Luton, who play in the newly designated National Three (Midlands). A quick look at the scoring stats will show that Danny chipped in with 49 points, including five tries, in his two games for us this season. He goes with our best wishes and will always be welcome back.

### Warwickshire 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Cup

After their thumping win over Silhillians in the first round, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV are drawn away at Old Coventrians in the cup. The tie must be played by November 29<sup>th</sup> and the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> looks favourite for the match at the moment. Watch the website for more details.

## OLs Mini Rugby

The club launched its new mini rugby section in September with a registration and training day at Fenley Field. Organiser Dan Volkman was delighted with the turnout which has since grown to the degree that forty members are now registered.

We are aiming initially at the 3 to 9 year old age groups for boys; and up to 12 for girls – the girls will be playing non-contact, tag rugby throughout. And the upper age limit for boys is the one before contact is involved.

Sessions are held on Sunday mornings between 11.30 and 1.00, so if you know of any children who would like to learn the basics of the game and, as importantly, have some fun then please recommend OLs.

Dan has a number of members and parents helping out with organisation and coaching, but would always welcome more. So if you would like to be involved, or for more information, talk to Dan or call him on 07718 770273.



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Player	Tries	Convs	Pens	Drops	Tot Pts
Ben Wiles	0	9	14	0	60
Danny Orr	5	12	0	0	49
Jamie Brightwell	4	4	0	0	28
Dom Hammond	1	10	0	0	25
Ricky Reed	5	0	0	0	25
Simon Bayliss	4	0	0	0	20
Iain Wallis	3	0	0	0	15
Harley Steel	3	0	0	0	15
Andrew Orbinson	3	0	0	0	15
Ted Wallis	3	0	0	0	15
Matt Coleman	3	0	0	0	15
Steve Pike	1	0	2	0	11
Shane Betts	2	0	0	0	10
Danny Murch	2	0	0	0	10
Matt Miller	2	0	0	0	10
Ben Roberts	2	0	0	0	10
Mike Coburn	2	0	0	0	10
John Dennick	2	0	0	0	10
Andy Coleman	2	0	0	0	10

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## The Midlands 2 West (South) Scene

Barkers Butts seem to be on an upward gradient after a stuttering start, drawing 9-9 with Droitwich on the 10<sup>th</sup>, then beating Earlsdon away last week. Silhillians remain unbeaten, with two draws in their record already. They came close to a third on the 10<sup>th</sup>, just beating Kidderminster by 22-20, then dispensing with Newbold last weekend.

Spartans travelled to Kidderminster last week and came away with a win by 19-18 – a one point loss for the Worcestershire club after going down by a two point margin against Silhillians the previous week. They don't seem to be enjoying any luck!

Bedworth are the whipping boys so far this season, losing heavily at Droitwich last week. Today they play Berkswell & Balsall in a basement clash re-arranged from 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Although Berkswell is always a difficult place to get a result, some eyebrows were raised when Worcester Wanderers managed just a 19-3 win there last weekend to maintain their 100% record and top spot in the table. But closer scrutiny of Worcester's record so far reveals that their five wins have all come against clubs struggling at the wrong end of the league. Of the bottom six in the table, the only one they haven't played so far is Kidderminster. We are at Worcester next Saturday – a key game for both clubs.

Before our disastrous encounter with Old Coventrians last week, their previous result had been a 0-42 loss at Worcester. But the newly strengthened OCs should be climbing the table soon if they continue to turn out the same team that we met.

### Midlands 2 West (S) results, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Berkswell & Balsall	3	v	19	Worcester Wanderers
Droitwich	56	v	19	Bedworth
Earlsdon	26	v	32	Barkers Butts
Kidderminster	18	v	19	Spartans
Newbold on Avon	11	v	22	Silhillians
Old Coventrians	25	v	9	Old Laurentians

### Today's league fixture

Bedworth		v		Berkswell & Balsall
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## Midlands 2 West (South) League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Worcester Wanderers	5	5	0	0	160	37	123	10
2	Droitwich	5	3	2	0	115	62	53	8
3	Silhillians	5	3	2	0	112	74	38	8
4	Old Laurentians	5	3	0	2	115	81	34	6
5	Spartans	5	3	0	2	100	90	10	6
6	Earlsdon	5	2	1	2	114	113	1	5
7	Barkers Butts	5	2	1	2	91	105	-14	5
8	Kidderminster	5	2	0	3	95	99	-4	4
9	Old Coventrians	5	1	0	4	83	129	-46	2
10	Berkswell & Balsall	4	1	0	3	60	109	-49	2
11	Newbold-on-Avon	5	1	0	4	65	135	-70	2
12	Bedworth	4	0	0	4	62	138	-76	0

## League fixtures and results

	Bark	Bed	B&B	Droit	Earl	Kidd	Newb	OCs	OLs	Sils	Spart	WW
Barkers Butts		<b>20-16</b>	09/01	<b>9-9</b>	23/01	31/10	13/02	14/11	06/03	05/12	10/04	<b>7-27</b>
Bedworth	19/12		10/10	23/01	31/10	13/02	14/11	06/03	05/12	10/04	<b>10-28</b>	<b>17-34</b>
Berkswell & Balsall	<b>27-23</b>	16/01		31/10	13/02	14/11	06/03	05/12	10/04	<b>10-35</b>	19/12	<b>3-19</b>
Droitwich	16/01	<b>56-19</b>	30/01		14/11	06/03	05/12	10/04	<b>18-12</b>	19/12	<b>16-6</b>	07/11
Earlsdon	<b>26-32</b>	30/01	07/11	20/02		05/12	10/04	<b>22-13</b>	19/12	<b>17-17</b>	16/01	28/11
Kidderminster	30/01	07/11	20/02	28/11	27/03		<b>20-10</b>	19/12	<b>7-25</b>	16/01	<b>18-19</b>	12/12
Newbold on Avon	07/11	20/02	28/11	27/03	12/12	17/04		<b>26-22</b>	16/01	<b>11-22</b>	30/01	19/12
Old Coventrians	20/02	28/11	27/03	12/12	17/04	<b>23-30</b>	09/01		<b>25-9</b>	30/01	07/11	16/01
OLs	28/11	27/03	12/12	17/04	<b>36-23</b>	09/01	<b>33-8</b>	23/01		07/11	20/02	30/01
Silhillians	27/03	12/12	17/04	<b>16-16</b>	09/01	<b>22-20</b>	23/01	31/10	13/02		28/11	20/02
Spartans	12/12	17/04	<b>32-20</b>	09/01	<b>15-26</b>	23/01	31/10	13/02	14/11	06/03		27/03
Worcester Wanderers	17/04	09/01	23/01	13/02	06/03	10/04	<b>38-10</b>	<b>42-0</b>	31/10	14/11	05/12	

The above matrix shows Midlands 2 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.

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