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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	19	18
October	31	Worcester Wanderers	A	L	9	11
November	7	Silhillians	H	L		
November	14	Spartans	A	L		
November	21	<i>Intermediate Cup, Round 3</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</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</i>		IC		
February	13	Silhillians	A	L		
February	20	Spartans	H	L		
February	27	<i>Intermediate Cup)</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 **Silhillians RUFC** for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game; and of **Broadstreet RFC**, who are here for a Warwickshire league 1 game.



We are also delighted to welcome today's referees – **Andy Cross**, who is officiating in the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game; and **Roy Shallcross**, who will be taking charge of the 2nds against Broadstreet.

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

			2 <sup>nd</sup> XV			3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	29	17	Long Buckby	H 24 15
Oct	31	L	Old Coventrians	A	84	0	Stratford	canc.
Nov	7	L	Broadstreet	H			Coalville	A
Nov	14	L	Kenilworth	A				
Nov	22	C	Daventry	A			Standard	H
Nov	29	W	Old Coventrians	A			Towcestrians	A
Dec	5	L	Nuneaton Old Eds	H			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

### **Silhillians RUFC**



Silhillians celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary two years ago, having been formed in 1932 when it was known as Solihull Old Boys and played at Broomfields, which was grazing land for a local farmer's horses.

In 1953, Sils moved to Dingle Lane and the opening game was between a WC Ramsey XV and an Old Sils and Midlands Combined side, watched by a crowd of 3,000. The Club then moved to their current home at Copt Heath, with its excellent facilities, in 1967. From this time until the mid 1970's they were probably one of the best Old Boys sides in the Greater Birmingham area.

The club then went through a lean spell and decided to go open in 1982, opening its doors to all comers and dropping 'Old' from their name. Sils gradually improved, enjoying promotion in 1991 to Warwickshire Division One of the Courage League. Sils have enjoyed three more promotions, in 1994/95, 1998/99 and in 2000/01 to their current status in this league, Midlands 2 West (South).

Undoubtedly the club's greatest achievement was their appearance in the 1999 Tetley's Bitter Vase Final at Twickenham. Unfortunately they lost 3-19 to Billericay, but the experience was one that no one involved will ever forget.

Last season the club struggled in the league, finishing 11<sup>th</sup> of 12. We did the 'double' over them but, as is often the case, struggled to beat them at Copt Heath, coming away with a narrow 23-20 success. Their form picked up at the end of that season and they have carried it forward to this, arriving at Fenley Field today unbeaten in the league and occupying third position in the table, only kept out of second spot by Droitwich on points difference.

Their record reads P6, W4, D2, L0, the draws coming against Earlsdon and Droitwich. Last Saturday they recorded a convincing 34-3 win over Old Coventrians, leaving that side firmly rooted at the bottom of the table with just one win to their name – against OLs! So we are in for a tough one today, although our side will be boosted by a good performance last time out against Worcester Wanderers in a game we could, perhaps should, have won.

Sils are skippered again this season by blindside flanker Lee Jones, a regular try scorer with six to his name already this season.

We are pleased to welcome Silhillians to Fenley Field today. We hope they enjoy the occasion and wish them well over the remainder of the season.



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### The Autumn Internationals

**Today sees** the start of the Autumn International series, a fixed event in the calendar now, when Southern Hemisphere teams descend on Europe for this annual festival of rugby.

The only one of those teams taking on all four Home Nations is Australia, who kicked off with a game against Gloucester on Tuesday night and showed their class with a 36-5 win.

But those midweek games under lights, against club and regional sides are a thing of the past. Every November the (almost) jaded reaction to the arrival of these sides is something like 'Oh look, its New Zealand again.' These tours seem to have lost some of their mystique, the All Blacks don't seem to have an aura about them anymore.

Between 1983 and 1996, New Zealand visited England just once, World Cups apart.

What happened to the 'proper' tours of old, when they were hanging out of the trees at Otley, cramming Hell Fire corner at Redruth and raising the roof at Stradey Park?

You now get just one chance to see the All Blacks, at Twickenham for £70.00 a throw. How about a return to just one Southern Hemisphere country touring and playing three internationals with midweek regional games? No chance. Commercial objectives just won't allow it; and the clubs (like Gloucester on Tuesday) would put out shadow sides as the Guinness Premiership and Heineken Cup will always take precedence in their planning.

#### The programme

**England:** v Australia (today), Argentina (14<sup>th</sup>) & New Zealand (21<sup>st</sup>)

**Wales:** v N Zealand (today), Samoa (13<sup>th</sup>), Argentina (21<sup>st</sup>) & Australia (28<sup>th</sup>)

**Scotland:** v Fiji (14<sup>th</sup>), Australia (21<sup>st</sup>) & Argentina (28<sup>th</sup>)

**Ireland:** v Australia (15<sup>th</sup>), Fiji (21<sup>st</sup>) & South Africa (28<sup>th</sup>). *All dates in November*

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

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 – RFU Intermediate Cup

Old Laurentians 19 – Banbury 18

Laurentians were coasting to a well earned victory as this game moved into injury time when Banbury appeared to have snatched it from them with a highly dubious try that was converted to give them a two point lead. But as the clock ticked down to the final whistle, OLs were awarded a penalty some 40 metres from the Banbury posts and up stepped Denzil Evans to send it soaring over with a beautifully judged kick into a stiff wind, earning his side a place in the third round draw of the Intermediate Cup.

The previously unbeaten Banbury side started the game strongly and OLs had to be at their sharpest to keep out thrusts by livewire scrum half Phillips and number 8 Brand until, after ten minutes play, centre Smith put over a penalty to earn a reward for his side's early pressure.

But Laurentians worked their way back into the match, prop Paul Amor was held up just short of the line and the pressure produced a penalty that Evans dropped into the corner. Surprisingly, OLs failed to win the lineout but were quickly through on to the loose ball and sent Dave Longrigg over in the corner for a try with twenty minutes gone. Wiles just missed the conversion, but six minutes later put over a penalty after more OL's pressure to increase their lead to 8-3.

OL's backs were now beginning to show their paces, Matt Miller proving to be a constant threat to Banbury on the wing. But the next score came from Simon Bayliss on the opposite wing after another penalty lineout was won, Glenn Todd took it on to the Banbury line in typically pugnacious fashion and the ball was moved quickly right for the try and a 13-3 lead after 40 minutes play.

But straight from the restart, Banbury were awarded a penalty for obstruction close to OL's line as Ben Wiles jockeyed for position to get a clearance kick in, Banbury took it quickly and forced their way over for a try wide out. The conversion was missed and the half time whistle went with OLs holding a 13-8 lead.

Banbury struck first in the second half with a penalty that narrowed the margin to 13-11 after eight minutes. Then Richard Parker was bursting through midfield when an attempted tackle took him round the neck, but the scrum half's strength carried him through the challenge and he was running clear of the defence when the referee blew for an OL's penalty. Evans put the kick over for three points, which could have been seven had an advantage been allowed, and a 16-11 lead.

With skipper for the day Glenn Todd leading inspirationally from the front, OLs looked to have the game in the bag before Banbury snatched that controversial score in the dying minutes. After OLs had taken a scrum against the head on their 22 metre line, a Banbury hand appeared to knock the ball on as Parker passed it out, the ball went loose and in the chase to the line another knock on took it over before it was touched down under the posts, the conversion seemingly giving Banbury a last gasp win at 16-18. Then Evans had the last word with the kick that won the game.

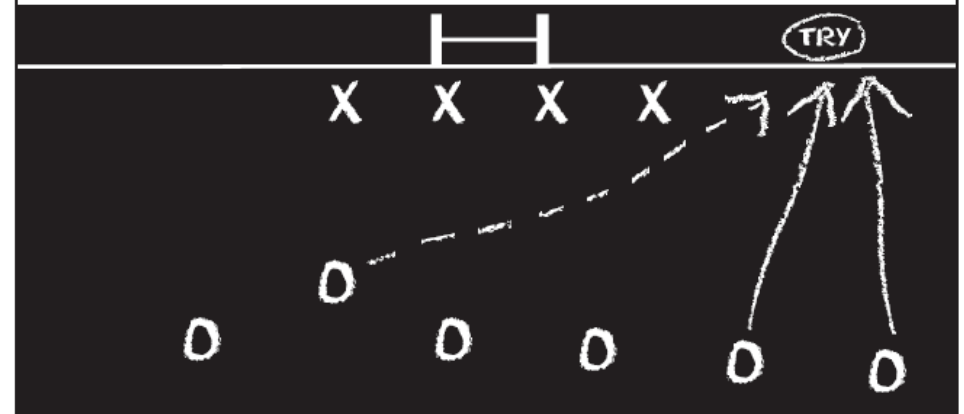


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## A recent letter from Warwickshire RFU

Dear Hon. Secretary,

At the start of the season I reminded clubs as to their responsibilities regarding disciplinary matters especially in relation to abuse of match officials. Unfortunately this message is still not getting through and we do seem to have a particular problem at under age levels of the game.

The RFU are having major clampdown on any incidents that they feel bring the game into disrepute and they have taken over two cases involving Warwickshire clubs already this season and the periods of suspension handed down have been very lengthy.

We are very concerned that **coaches** are getting very involved from the touchline though questioning referees decisions and this is then being picked up by parents and spectators. This also leads to the players thinking they have the right to argue with the referees as well.

### **All clubs are now being asked to do the following as matter of urgency**

- Remind all of your coaches and players that the referee is the **sole judge of fact and that his decision is final.**
- The **only** person who is entitled to ask a referee during the game as to why a decision has been made is the team captain and it is for information purposes only.
- The time to speak, **politely**, to the referee is in the bar after the game. **Not when leaving the pitch or in the dressing rooms.** Remember the referee has the right to send off a player or coach after the game has finished
- Remind your players, coaches and spectators that the abuse of match officials is not to be tolerated and no matter how frustrated a player may be with decisions given against them it is not an excuse for using foul or abusive language. **It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that this does not happen and clubs should discipline any of their members who abuse match officials.**
- Any disciplinary cases reported to the County Disciplinary Committee which involve abuse of the match official(s) will be dealt with most severely at the top end of the disciplinary tariffs and we will be referring any serious cases to the RFU for them to deal with.
- We have a number of young & inexperienced referees (who may not have played the game to any degree) within the game at the moment and they need to be encouraged. They may lack some of the techniques of player management that can only be gained through experience but if they are put off the game early on in their refereeing careers by abuse then the game will suffer in the long term.
- Our game has always stood out from other sports because of its respect to match officials. This must not be allowed to deteriorate and it is up to clubs to make sure this does not happen before we as a County Disciplinary Committee have to step in and discipline clubs. This may mean in extreme cases periods of club suspension or withdrawal of referees.

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Denzil's winning kick against Banbury



Richard Parker breaks at Worcester



Ben O'Riordan tests the Worcester defence



Simon Bayliss gets his man



Glenn Todd attempting to charge down a Worcester clearance

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## Match Report

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009

### Worcester Wanderers 11 - Old Laurentians 9

Laurentians came very close to relieving Wanderers of their 100% record this season and ending an unbeaten run that stretches back to the beginning of last season. The lead changed hands six times in a game that was finely balanced throughout, Worcester having the final say with a decisive penalty in the dying minutes.

OLs started very positively and for twenty five minutes dominated territory and possession to keep Wanderers pinned in their own half, but couldn't convert the pressure into points. Richard Parker and Matt Miller went close, Simon Bayliss was looking sharp on the wing and Tom Gleghorn had a close range charge just held. But the ball was spilled or turned over in contact several times, giving the home side the chance to relieve the pressure.

OLs finally took the lead with a Denzil Evans penalty after twenty two minutes, scant reward for their early enterprise. Wanderers worked their way into the game over the second quarter, but neither side could muster a decisive strike until the home team's big number 5 burst through a lineout in a smartly executed move to touch down on the stroke of half time. The conversion was missed and Wanderers took a 5-3 lead into the break.

After Miller had threatened the home line again, chasing down his own kick, Evans restored OL's lead with a penalty ten minutes into the second period, only for Worcester to regain the initiative and an 8-6 lead with a penalty of their own five minutes later.

Neither of two evenly matched sides could establish any real superiority in the second half and each missed kickable penalties. Then a relatively innocuous skirmish resulted in red cards for OL's Adams and a Wanderers centre, a decision deemed somewhat harsh by most onlookers.

As for most of this season, OL's lineout had been utterly secure through the match until, unaccountably, they started calling short lines and promptly lost possession, and good field positions, on two occasions in this critical phase of the match.

With time running down and just six minutes of the match to go, Evans struck what could have been a decisive blow with a finely judged penalty from 40 metres out, giving OLs a 9-8 lead.

But in the dying minutes indiscipline cost OLs the match when they strayed offside just outside their 22 metre line, Wanderers clinching it with a straightforward kick to secure the hard earned points.

This was the first time that Worcester had come up against a top half side in this season's league table and the match demonstrated that they won't necessarily be the runaway champions that their early form had suggested. OLs matched them blow for blow and could have sewn up what was obviously going to be a close affair in the first twenty minutes. The team are now looking forward keenly to the return fixture at Fenley Field on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

## Warwickshire League 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Old Laurentians	5	5	0	0	240	17	223	20
2	Stratford	5	3	0	2	173	158	37	14
3	Leamington	5	3	0	2	135	98	37	14
4	Nuneaton Old Eds.	3	3	0	0	220	17	203	12
5	Broadstreet	3	3	0	0	154	14	140	12
6	Earlson	4	2	0	2	51	111	-60	10
7	Kenilworth	3	1	0	2	67	74	-7	6
8	Newbold-on-Avon	4	0	0	4	40	155	-115	4
9	Old Coventrians	4	0	0	4	44	273	-229	4
10	Barkers Butts	4	0	0	4	17	224	-207	3

### Match Report – 31<sup>st</sup> October

#### Old Coventrians 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 0 - Old Laurentian 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 84

OL's 2<sup>nd</sup> XV travelled to Old Coventrians hoping to maintain their excellent start to the season. The side again had a lovely blend of youth and experience and started the game off in dominant fashion

The forwards, marshalled by skipper and scrum half Ricky Reed, were in dominant mood from the off, supplying ample ball for the talented backline, and the points came along at regular intervals

Despite the game becoming a little one sided, OLs maintained their concentration and with a fine team ethic carried on the scoring right to the end of the game

Two of the OL's squad completed their first ever senior hat tricks, with Andy Orbinson notching three and Dean Graham running in 4 tries. There were singles for Lawrence Webb, Mike Coburn, Rich Foxon and Grant Inch. Ben Roberts, who had an excellent game, also ran in for three tries and added 8 conversions for a personal haul of 31 points.

The only time the scoring slowed was after the introduction of the Bernai with twenty minutes to go - however after a small period of adjustment, normal service was resumed

Respect must be given to the opposition who never gave up and, unlike some teams OLs have faced recently, played with spirit right to the death. However, all the players in the team must be congratulated for this display of rugby, putting the opposition to the sword. Confidence is high entering into some tough games in the next few weeks.

*Report by Dean Cobley*

## Spotlight on the Seconds

OL's 2<sup>nd</sup> XV continued their great run with a crushing victory over Old Coventrians in the league last week (report opposite) and in all games their record now reads P7, W6, L1, PF 350, PA 63. Andy Orbinson now leads the club's try scoring table with 8 to his name, Ben Roberts has been scoring tries and kicking goals for fun to shoot up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall points table and skipper Ricky Reed has been in great form and leading from the front.



Ben Roberts



Andy Orbinson

A major step forward has been the recent appointment of Dean Copley to the position of Director of Rugby for the 2nds and he has already started assembling his back room team. First in was Sean Copley as water boy, and he was kept very busy in his first match last Saturday as there were plenty of breaks for conversion kicks. The outcome of his first game in charge suggests that Deano had an immediate impact in his role.

*[Editor's note: any rumours circulating that we have allowed a certain well known and recently discredited coach a return to the game through the back door should be quashed immediately – there's only one Deano!]*

Today the 2nds face by far their biggest test to date when they take on Broadstreet 2nds as it follows that there will be a number of players in the opposition lineup who are quite capable of stepping up to National League 2 rugby in that club's 1<sup>st</sup> team. The team (as selected) is:

1	Chris le Podevin	9	Ricky Reed (C)
2	Gary Hammond	10	Rhys Wade
3	Ash McEwan	11	Mike Coburn
4	Dan Volkman	12	Dean Graham
5	Rich Hayes	13	Danny Murch
6	Pete Nealon	14	Ben Roberts
7	Andy Coleman	15	Howard Harris
8	Richard Foxon	Reps	Mark Allen, Jon Deenik Ray Smith, Shane Betts



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## Sundry Stuff

### The Wonders of Worcester

The trip to Worcester last week was a real eye opener and the club must now boast one of the finest set ups in the land. The excellent pitch on which OLs played boasted its own top quality dressing room complex and, like the pitch that adjoined it, was equipped with full match standard floodlights. Nearby was a direction board pointing to 'Pitches 3 to 15' (!!), reached via a pedestrian underpass which also led to the main stadium. (*Interesting note – spotted through the open door of one of the home dressing rooms was a sign declaring that black tape was available at £1.50 per roll! Thank goodness Messrs Ferguson and Pawsey didn't make the trip on this occasion!*)

### No cigar this time!

Fleeting memories of that famous Iain Wallis drop goal that won the game against Stratford some 3½ years ago came flooding back last Saturday when the same player had another go in the dying seconds of the Worcester game. This time the attempt sailed a yard wide of the upright, to be followed immediately by the final whistle. So history wasn't repeated!

**Congratulations** to Pete and Sarah Nealon on the birth of a baby daughter, Roseanna Marie, who arrived a few weeks early. Good to see that Nipper is back in action again today!

### The Social Scene

Thursday saw another successful Bonfire Night at the club with a big crowd despite poor weather – many thanks to all those volunteers who helped the event go with a bang! Coming up are a Snail Racing Night (28<sup>th</sup> November.), and a Quiz Night on December 4<sup>th</sup>. See the website for full details.

### 2nd XV cup dates

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – away at Daventry, in the Clonmel Cup  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – away at Old Coventrians in Warwickshire 2nds Cup.  
Both kick off at 2.15pm

## The Local Scene

**Rugby Lions** rose to 4<sup>th</sup> spot in National League 2 with a 27-20 win at Bradford and Bingley but **Broadstreet** went down heavily at home by 0-67 to leaders Loughborough Students in the same division. In National 3 (Midlands) **Kenilworth**, with Sam Viggers in the centre, lost out 17-18 to an injury time try by our old rivals Hereford. Ampthill lead the way in that league, with Hinckley 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kenilworth in 5<sup>th</sup>.

In Midlands 1 (West), **Leamington** bounced back after an indifferent spell to beat Cheltenham North 43-25; but **Nuneaton Old Eds** went down 3-18 at home to Camp Hill. All conquering Burton lead the table, **Stratford** are in 3<sup>rd</sup> after a 27-18 win over Sutton Coldfield, but Leamington have slipped to 7<sup>th</sup> after leading the table early on. Similarly, NOE have slipped to 11<sup>th</sup> after a bright start to their campaign.

In Midlands 2 East, **Banbury** posted an astonishing 81-0 drubbing of **Lutterworth**. The local side had won 3 out of 4 previously, and this defeat doubled their points against total in one go. Banbury remain unbeaten in the league and stay top.

In the North division of Midlands 2 West, Lichfield and Aston Old Edwardians lead the way, both with 100% records after 6 games.

**Rugby St Andrews** followed up their 50 point win in the Senior Vase a week earlier with another half century against Northampton Mens Own, this time by 52-25. Saints lie third in the table, two points off the leading duo. **Long Buckby's** revival continues, this time with a 20-0 win away at Bedford Swifts.

**Rugby Welsh** are finding life tougher after promotion and went down to a crushing 0-67 defeat to league leaders Evesham in Midlands 4 West (South). Three weeks earlier they had lost to fellow exiles Coventry Welsh by 3-47, also at home.

Our eagerly anticipated **Warwickshire Cup** clash with Rugby St Andrews is still on hold as both clubs won their national cup games 2 weeks ago and no dates are available for the tie until both clubs have been knocked out.



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Player	Tries	Convs	Pens	Drops	Tot Pts
Ben Wiles	0	9	15	0	63
Danny Orr	5	12	0	0	49
Ben Roberts	6	9	0	0	48
Andrew Orbinson	8	0	0	0	40
Jamie Brightwell	4	4	0	0	28
Dom Hammond	1	10	0	0	25
Ricky Reed	5	0	0	0	25
Simon Bayliss	5	0	0	0	25
Dean Graham	5	0	0	0	25
Denzil Evans	1	1	5	0	22
Iain Wallis	3	0	0	0	15
Harley Steel	3	0	0	0	15
Ted Wallis	3	0	0	0	15
Matt Coleman	3	0	0	0	15
Andy Coleman	3	0	0	0	15
Mike Coburn	3	0	0	0	15
Lawrence Webb	3	0	0	0	15

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## The Midlands 2 West (South) Scene

Betting on results in this league would, in the largest part, be good business for the bookmakers.

Only Worcester Wanderers would seem to be one to follow if you're a betting man - OLs all but took their 100% record last week, but 'almost' is not good enough when you need the points to sustain a meaningful challenge.

The other unbeaten clubs – Droitwich and Silhillians – each have two draws to their name. Droitwich did follow form last week and comfortably dispose of Berkswell & Balsall whilst Sils had a surprisingly large win over Old Coventrians. What happened to the OC's revival, which appeared to start when they saw us off?

Previously without a win to their name, Bedworth came good in style with a comfortable margin of victory over Earlsdon; and Newbold would appear to have defied the odds with a draw away at Spartans. After winning their first two games, Kidderminster have now lost four on the trot. Their conquerors on Saturday, Barkers Butts, wax and wane with the moon, it seems. In October they lost to Berkswell & Balsall (the latter's only win so far) then followed it up with a draw against Droitwich (9-9) a week later.

### Midlands 2 West (S) results, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Barkers Butts	12	v	5	Kidderminster
Bedworth	22	v	3	Earlsdon
Berkswell & Balsall	10	v	28	Droitwich
Silhillians	34	v	3	Old Coventrians
Spartans (Midlands)	8	v	8	Newbold on Avon
Worcester Wanderers	11	v	9	Old Laurentians

### Today's league fixtures

Droitwich		v		Worcester Wanderers
Earlsdon		v		Berkswell & Balsall
Kidderminster		v		Bedworth
Newbold on Avon		v		Barkers Butts
Old Coventrians		v		Spartans (Midlands)
Old Laurentians		v		Silhillians

## Midlands 2 West (South) League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Worcester Wanderers	6	6	0	0	171	46	125	12
2	Droitwich	6	4	2	0	143	72	71	10
3	Silhillians	6	4	2	0	146	77	69	10
4	Spartans	6	3	1	2	108	98	10	7
5	Barkers Butts	6	3	1	2	103	110	-7	7
6	Old Laurentians	6	3	0	3	124	92	32	6
7	Earlsdon	6	2	1	3	117	135	-18	5
8	Kidderminster	6	2	0	4	100	111	-11	4
9	Bedworth	6	1	1	4	106	163	-67	3
10	Berkswell & Balsall	6	1	1	4	92	159	-67	3
11	Newbold-on-Avon	6	1	1	4	73	143	-70	3
12	Old Coventrians	6	1	0	5	86	163	-77	2

## 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	<b>12-5</b>	13/02	14/11	06/03	05/12	10/04	<b>7-27</b>
Bedworth	19/12		<b>22-22</b>	23/01	<b>22-3</b>	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		<b>10-28</b>	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	<b>34-3</b>	13/02		28/11	20/02
Spartans	12/12	17/04	<b>32-20</b>	09/01	<b>15-26</b>	23/01	<b>8-8</b>	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>	<b>11-9</b>	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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