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In Touch

A great first win of the season for the Firsts at the weekend. After a disappointing couple of weeks, the Firsts showed character to exert real control over their home game against Shipston-on-Stour and were deserving of their 9-6 win. Prop, Jamie Durban, was the Ludlow Brewery man of the match.

There was progress too with the Seconds who managed to get out a full side and they too played well. They went down 51-0 to a well drilled Aldridge side but those who travelled with them reported that they showed great character.



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Lack of players making themselves available for selection for games is something that is puzzling coach Mikey Jones. There have been terrific numbers often at midweek training but then only a handful of those who trained put themselves forward as being available to play on Saturday. It's not a problem that is peculiar to Ludlow either with lots of clubs reporting similar problems. Hopefully the involvement of Andy Brick and Stuart Jardine with coaching the seconds should help things although the number of injuries on hard ground also continues to be a problem.

And on Sunday there was an amazing turnout for the Minis and Juniors with 20 new recruits joining last season's cohort. They were trained by several parent volunteers who have added coaching skills to their repertoire at summer courses to help across the different age groups.

The home game on Saturday was preceded by a VP's lunch and the first of our 100 Club draws. For the last few years, we have had one big draw and distributed some £900. The committee has decided to split it into three different draws held during the course of the season, each distributing prizes totaling £300. Life member Robert Hern won the top prize, VP Derek Broadley second prize and player, Charlie Doyle third prize. Many of you will recall Charlie suffering a severe knee injury last season which required an operation. I'm pleased to say that he is recuperating well and should be back playing by Christmas. In the meantime he is helping to coach the forwards while his dad, Paul, is acting as first team manager.

Mum, Jan Doyle, meanwhile has been busy too organising the camping and parking for the Food Festival. She reported last night another very successful event which netted just under £11,000 for the club. A voluntary collection was held on the minibus shuttle up to the castle and that raised £380 for Ludlow First Responders. Some of the money will be invested in a new CCTV system covering the club premises and grounds.

And now for something completely different. The Rugby Club is to be the venue for a charity football match between staff of two Ludlow care homes, Hagley Place Care Home and Hendra House on Sunday, October 1, kick off 2pm with a £3 entry fee. It's to raise money for the MND Association. The bar will be open, sausages sizzling and fresh cakes on sale too. Sounds like a good afternoon out and for a good cause too.

However, rugby continues this weekend with the Firsts travelling to Malvern (kick off 3pm) and the seconds playing at home to Eccleshall (3pm). We'll be showing the World Cup games on the big screen in the clubhouse too.

See you soon,

Andy Wright

President Ludlow Rugby Club