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In Touch



Some beautiful flowing rugby by a young Ludlow side that is gelling and developing match by match provided a fitting tribute as two Ludlow legends announced their retirement. Retiring Captain Matt ‘Ginge’ Davies got a rousing send off from a big Linney crowd as he led his young team off in his last home game, signaling the end to 15 years of service to the club. There was a rousing cheer too for coach Mikey Jones as his career as coach at Ludlow draws to a close.



Captain Matt ‘Ginge’ Davies in his final home game



Coach Mikey Jones overseeing his final home game

Ludlow were keen for a fast start and they got it with the first try on the board within two minutes. The try bonus point was in the bag before half time. Malvern did rally slightly but not in the same way they had in the reverse fixture when they came sailing back from three tries down to force a draw. In the end, Ludlow scored seven tries through seven different players, prop Jamie Durban scoring his first try at home, Stu Lewis, Reg Jordan, Ben Black, A.J. Rocke, Matt Ashley and Jack Lines who kicked all the conversions. Kieran Pinches, playing at scrum half, was Ludlow Brewery Man of the Match. The final score was 49-5.



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*Ludlow v Malvern
All photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett*

Malvern might have had a couple more but for an immense defensive effort from Ludlow and some tremendous last ditch tackles. Full back AJ looks increasingly at home and his positioning and clearance kicking kept the Malvern attacks in check.

And so to our last game of the season and a trip to Newent who lie third in the table and are in with a shout of a second place finish. Ludlow will be aiming to spoil that. The Seconds make the trip to Staffordshire side Barton-under-Needwood. Both games kick off at 3pm.

It looks like we have the makings of a young and exciting side for next season but we face the challenge of finding a coach and a captain who will have a lot to live up to.

Thanks for your support and hope you all had a great Easter weekend!

See you soon,
Andy Wright
President Ludlow Rugby Club