



# In Touch



Centre Will Hodnett reinforced his position at the top of the try and point scoring leagues with a hat trick of tries as Ludlow scored a comprehensive 54-5 victory over struggling Whitchurch at the weekend.

It was Ladies' Day at The Linney and the lads were determined to put on a good show for their female fans. Sadly I couldn't be there as I was fulfilling a long standing promise to do some work at my son's home. Also getting in on the try scoring act were Tom Perkins 2, Matt Ashley, A J Rocke and Sam Brooks, who is currently runner up in the try scoring charts. However, it's good to see that four of our big forwards feature in the top 10, Josh Jukes, Jack Small, Gwyn Pierce and Charlie Doyle.



*Ludlow v Whitchurch  
Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett*

In the Clubhouse the ladies were busy joining in with some tuneful entertainment from the Vox Secret Singers singing waiters. If the videos are anything to go by, they had a whale of a time with congas round the club house and good old-fashioned knees up (check out our Facebook page for video evidence!). As part of the Ladies Day celebrations, former Ludlow Ladies player, Jo, accepted a framed Ludlow Ladies playing shirt on behalf of the club which is now proudly on display in the clubhouse. Well done all and particularly Lucy Doyle who I believe did the bulk of the organising! I don't think she was there but sister-in-law, Rob Doyle's

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wife, gave birth to the latest addition to the Doyle family, Ivy Beatrice, the following afternoon. I can almost guarantee that she'll be watching her uncle play along with all her cousins at a home game soon.



The Seconds, playing league leaders Camp Hill at The Linney, had a tougher time of it losing 29-14, but once again pleased to be getting a game. Toby Morgan and Tom Evans scored the tries with Rhys Evans adding the conversions.

It was equally good to see that photographer Trevor Patchett is back pitchside with his long lens after a few months off recuperating from a knee replacement.

On Saturday the Firsts are in action at The Linney once again, this time against League runners up Moseley Oak. We lost 24-15 to them in November and will be looking to do better on Saturday and hoping for a big crowd to urge them on 3pm kick off.

I think I mentioned in a recent edition that the committee are trying hard to find dry places where the players can train as well as play games when the Linney is under water. I suppose reasoning that people do their best thinking while in the bath, our treasurer, Ben Jackson, arranged a brain-storming session for the committee in one of the club's communal shower rooms. We must have spent a very productive hour in there and came up with a number of avenues to pursue but the temptation was too much for fixtures secretary Steve Small. He had to push the operating button and the impish grin, reserved for the crowd when he wound up an opposition player at scrum time, was back on show as committee members scrambled for the dry exit!

Look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

See you soon  
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