



In Touch



We always hope our rugby players will aspire to be like their national team. On Saturday Ludlow did just that. We played superbly for most of the first half, stretched to a decent lead, then relaxed for a moment before half time and let Cheltenham into our half for almost the first time and allowed them to score a try which gave them hope. Half time followed and they scored three more in quick succession and Ludlow looked like they had forgotten how to play the game. Cheltenham took the lead, stretched it and looked on course for an easy victory until Will Hodnett came on from the bench. Cue a decent rally and a nail-biting finish but eventually disappointment for Ludlow and England!

Returning after sustaining a nasty injury in our first home game Hodnett had injected the pace and drive into the back line we had lacked since half time and quickly clawed back a try to make it a nerve-jangling end for Cheltenham who ran out 25-28 winners despite Ludlow camping out on their line for the last five minutes. So Cheltenham jump from sixth to fourth and we drop to seventh in the league. Hopefully the return of some of our injury hit players will give us the boost we need to return to winning ways. To be fair there was plenty to cheer about the way Ludlow played in the first half. The scrum had been dominant, the big forwards running hard into contact made good ground and the passing was excellent. Even better Tom Perkins, stepping up as kicker in the absence of Jack Lines, managed to kick some points too.

For the record Ludlow's tries came from Josh Jukes, Sam Brooks and Will Hodnett. Ludlow Brewery Man of the match was Ludlow outside centre Sam Brooks who consistently makes ground and straightens the line.



*Ludlow v Cheltenham
Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett*



There was disappointment too for the Second team. Chairman's Day should have seen a double header but opponents, Bromsgrove thirds, called off earlier in the week unable to raise a team. It would seem that even big clubs are affected by lack of players.

It was great to get back to a pre-match meal in the clubhouse and Madeline and her team did us proud. Our Cheltenham guests were well impressed with their meal. Their fixtures secretary and bus driver for the day, told me they had arranged to call at Worcester Rugby Club for drinks and a toilet stop on the way home. Interestingly Cheltenham travelled in two 15-seat minibuses, courtesy of their local school, in return for which they get use of Cheltenham's all weather pitch. Sounds like a good deal, sadly one that can't be repeated with us because Ludlow School no longer have a minibus. Perhaps we should think about sharing one?

Our meal was prefaced with a message that we should be outside early for a minute's silence for Remembrance Day. Sadly, the message didn't apparently reach the ref who had the whistle. Still the thought was there!

So, our next game takes us on the road to Whitchurch on Nov 16 who currently sit two places below us in the league table. I am told there's a possibility that Jack Lines might be back by then. The seconds will be playing over at Luctonians to face their fourth team. If you can get to either Whitchurch or Lucs, the players will much appreciate the support.

It was lovely to see Lawrence Hughes dad, Paul and his wife Janet back in their customary place among the crowd on the concrete ramp on Saturday. Paul has had a long spell in hospital and we wish him well in his recovery. There were some new faces too among the crowd including a rugby fan who has just moved into The Linney and who has asked to be included in any future lunches. Always good to have allies in The Linney!

Thank you to everyone who has become a VP Member of the club – membership cards for VPs are now available for collection from behind the bar when you next visit. Just a reminder that it isn't too late to renew your membership for this year if you haven't done so, and we also welcome new VP members. You can renew or become a member at any time, and we really value the support of our VPs. Membership payments can be made online via the Membership page of our website ([Membership - Ludlow Rugby Club](#)) or over the bar at the clubhouse. If you require any further information about membership or have any queries, please contact our Membership Secretary, Peter Lines (peterlines53@gmail.com).

See you soon.

Andy Wright
President Ludlow Rugby Club




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Lynn Davies

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