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In Touch



There's nothing worse than going behind in a derby game. Two scores down against Hereford, the wind against you, and the Ludlow side of two years ago would have panicked, overplayed and probably lost. But the 2025 side, although almost the same players, is mature. They don't panic.

No, they play to their strengths, stick to the game plan and wait for the openings to appear. And they did so, despite being 0-8 down within a few minutes they found themselves in front 19-15 by half time thanks to tries from Jack Lines (2) and Keiron Pinches, with conversions from AJ Rocke. Both Jack and Keiron had big games, their footwork making some big holes in the Hereford defence, but the Ludlow Brewery Man of the Match award went to Ben Black for his powerful runs, big defence and turnovers.

Ludlow v Hereford



Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett



With the wind at their backs Ludlow attempted to keep a well drilled Hereford side in their own 22 for the second half. For the most part it worked but Hereford managed to break out a few times benefitting from dropped or missed passes. Ludlow scored first with a lovely line from veteran centre Mike Jones but Hereford struck back with a try to bring them to within two points. AJ punished two high tackles with penalties to ease the final score to 30-22 in Ludlow's favour and second place in the league.

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The score was ably recorded by the new electronic score board, manned by the bloke who installed it mid-week, Mikey Jones. But a power cut half an hour before kick-off meant he was on standby to resurrect the analogue figures on the clubhouse wall.

As it was the old scoreboard could be used to record a splendid 33-17 home win for Ludlow Seconds over Stourbridge Grasshoppers.

On first aid duty between the two pitches I was able to take in some of the game and was impressed by some of new youngsters. We've got some pretty fast backs who were well marshalled by the veteran Mark Williams at 10. Tries went to the impressive Ben Joss at centre, both second rows, Ryan Cooper and Phil Oliver and evergreen Kipper Yapp managed one before going off with a knee injury. Rhys Evans kicked the extras and kept things moving at a fast pace from scrum half.

The grasshoppers have an interesting man of the match award, a bottle of port, and because they were such good sports Ludlow Rugby Club donated it. So Grasshoppers man of the match went to Chris Davies while the Ludlow Brewery Man of the match was awarded to back row Lewis Haddon.

The Firsts next game will be away v Shipston On Stour on November 8 with a 2.15pm kick off, Shipston are in sixth place in the league. The Seconds are due to entertain Bournville thirds at The Linney on Saturday KO 2.15pm.



The Mini and Juniors deserve a massive congratulations for their splendid organisation of the first fireworks night for many years at the club. About 900 people came through the gates and the night was a great success. A big thank you to Sky Candy who put on the impressive display. If you weren't there it's worth seeking out the video on social media. A big thank you to all those who turned out the following morning to get the ground ready for our double header game and none more so than to Pete Chidley who, having led the clear up, then mowed and lined the pitches before putting on his shorts and refereeing the second's game. Thanks, Pete.



A message from Ally Hiles who oversees the organisation of our club pre-match meals:

“I'd like to sing the praises of the catering team for Saturdays meal. Not only did they prepare a gorgeous Bavarian style dinner for Oktoberfest they also had to deal with a two-hour power outage just as dinner was about to served, rendering the kitchen non-functional. They managed to keep everything going and serve over 50 people with a meal full of flavour. Sadly, it meant the pudding was without it's accompanying hot custard, but delicious none-the-less. Well done to Leanne and team.”

Congratulations too to Jack and Holly Lines who have produced a lovely daughter, Marnie.

Saturday’s game commenced with a minute’s silence for former club captain Tony Hern whose funeral will take place at Lyonshall Church on Thursday, November 6 at 1.30pm.

Andy Wright, President

The image contains three posters for Ludlow Rugby. The first poster, titled 'FIXTURES 2025/26', shows a grid of matches between Ludlow and various clubs like Hoveley Oak, Malvern, Luctonians 2, Stow, Stratford, Edwardians, Hereford, Shipston, Kenilworth, Old Hales, Silhillians, and Halvern. The second poster, titled 'SECOND TEAM FIXTURES 2025/26', shows matches for the second team against clubs like Five Wats Old Edwardians, Stourbridge Grasshoppers, Aston Old Edwardians 2, Dr Wasps, Gt Hound, Camp Hill 3, Brontard 2, Bouenville 2, and Old Hales 3. The third poster, titled '2025/26 LUNCH CALENDAR', lists specific events such as 'Prematch Meal 8 Mascots (Luctonians 2)', 'Chairman's Day (Stratford)', 'Prematch Meal (Hereford)', 'Prematch Meal (Kenilworth)', 'Prematch Meal (Silhillians)', 'Christmas Lunch (Malvern)', 'Prematch Meal (Stow on the Wold)', 'Prematch Meal (Edwardians)', 'Ladies Day (Shipston on Stour)', and 'President's Day (Old Halesonians)'. It also includes contact information for Ally Hiles at events@ludlowrfc.co.uk and logos for BQSI and FLOWFIT.

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