



In Touch

What gives you a warm inner glow on a miserable rainy afternoon? And the answer's not a double brandy. No, it's a maiden derby win over Luctonians Seconds.

This was a victory earned from 1 to 15 and should have brought that aforementioned glow to coach Tom Tench who has quietly masterminded a cunning plan which has erased all those faults and silly mistakes that were on display at the start of the season.

Ludlow played as a team. They were massive in defence, quick to the breakdown, fast to back up any teammate in trouble and quick to expose any mistakes by their opponents. Even more pleasingly they didn't give away penalties. Their decision making was influenced by the appalling conditions, but it was noticeable how often Ludlow made the correct decision and Luctonians the wrong one. So Ludlow's 17-0 maiden victory was well deserved and could easily have been by much more.

*Ludlow v
Luctonian
II*



*Photos
courtesy
of Trevor
Patchett*



For the record hooker Jack Small scored both our tries and they each came from near identical scenarios. Lucs gave away a penalty in their own 22, AJ Rocke applied his educated boot to put us close to the corner and the resulting lineout ended with our big boys pushing over the line for Jack to touch down. The only difference between the two was that the kicks were to different corners. Jack Lines kicked two conversions and a penalty.

It's not that long ago that AJ was being coached by star full back Joe Doyle. On Saturday Joe was on the sidelines and the first to clap AJ on the back and tell him what a masterclass he'd just witnessed. High praise indeed and all in front of an appreciative dad, Bowes Rocke who played with distinction for the club backs in the 90's.

22nd September 2025



A huge amount of praise must go too to Tom Perkins, playing in his third position in three matches, this time at fly half. His decision making and handling were excellent and his bravery in defence outstanding. He was Ludlow Brewery Man of the match.

Saturday was a double header with our Seconds taking on Aston Old Edwardians and had Tom Tench been able to divide himself in two his other half would have been equally proud to see the way the rest of his squad played against a very good team. They lost 22-24 and had been winning with ten minutes to go. I did manage to catch both tries by centre Ben Joss and they were carbon copies featuring some immaculate handling in the backs considering the conditions. I failed to see through the murk prop Tom Bridge touch down on his debut for the team. Rhys Evans added the points with his boot and Darren Dixon was Ludlow Brewery Man of the match.

Huge praise too for the numbers of supporters who turned out in horrible conditions to watch two outstanding games. What an advert for local rugby! Well done too to our Mini and Junior players who turned out as mascots to cheer the home team onto the pitch.



*Minis and Juniors mascot tunnel – Saturday 20th Sept
Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett*

The Minis and Juniors have a bring a buddy day on Sunday as they attempt to swell their ranks. It's good to see so many of our former players involved and around the pitch so many former players with young children watching. It bodes well for the future.

So our next games are on Friday night, Oct 3 when Greyhound play us under lights at The Linney (7.30pm) and the following day when the Firsts travel to Stow (3pm).

In the meantime we wish George Vyvyan and his fiancé Fiona a very happy wedding for this weekend.

See you soon,
Andy Wright
President Ludlow Rugby Club



LUDLOW RUGBY

FIXTURES 2025/26

HOME AWAY

MOSELEY OAK SEP 6	MALVERN SEP 13	LUCTONIANS 2 SEP 20	STOW OCT 4
STRATFORD OCT 11	EDWARDIANS OCT 18	HEREFORD OCT 25	SHIPSTON NOV 8
KENILWORTH NOV 22	OLD HALES NOV 29	SILHILLIANS DEC 6	MALVERN DEC 13
LUCTONIANS 2 DEC 20	STOW JAN 10	STRATFORD JAN 17	EDWARDIANS JAN 31
HEREFORD FEB 14	SHIPSTON FEB 28	KENILWORTH MAR 7	OLD HALES MAR 21
SILHILLIANS MAR 28	MOSELEY OAK APR 11		

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SECOND TEAM

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HOME AWAY

FIVE WAYS OLD EDWARDIANS SEP 6	STOURBRIDGE GRASSHOPPERS SEP 13	ASTON OLD EDWARDIANS 2 SEP 20	DK WATFS SEP 27
GREYHOUND OCT 4	CAMP HILL 3 OCT 11	BROXTYARD 2 OCT 18	BOURNVILLE 3 NOV 1
OLD HALES 3 NOV 15	FIVE WAYS OLD EDWARDIANS JAN 10	STOURBRIDGE GRASSHOPPERS JAN 17	ASTON OLD EDWARDIANS 2 JAN 24
DK WATFS JAN 31	GREYHOUND FEB 7	CAMP HILL 3 FEB 14	BROXTYARD 2 FEB 21
BOURNVILLE 3 MAR 7	OLD HALES 3 MAR 21		

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2025/26 LUNCH CALENDAR

- 20th Sep Prematch Meal & Mascots (Luctonians 2)
- 11th Oct Chairmans Day (Stratford)
- 25th Oct Prematch Meal (Hereford)
- 22nd Nov Prematch Meal (Kenilworth)
- 6th Dec Prematch Meal (Silhillians)
- 13th Dec Christmas Lunch (Malvern)
- 10th Jan Prematch Meal (Stow on the Wold)
- 31st Jan Prematch Meal (Edwardians)
- 28th Feb Ladies Day (Shipston on Stour)
- 21st Mar President's Day (Old Halesonians)

To book your place and discuss options, please contact Ally at events@ludlowrfc.co.uk

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