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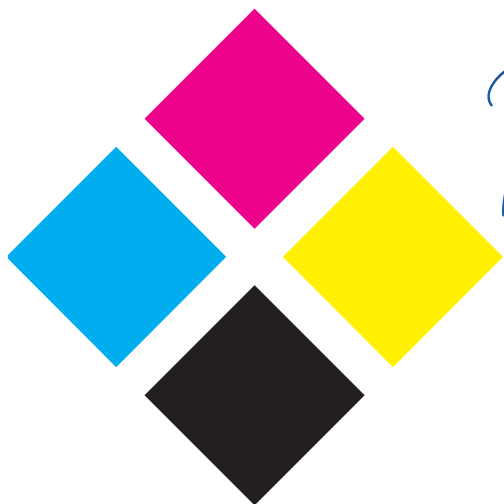
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# President's Welcome

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It's been 5 long weeks since the first team last ran out onto the hallowed Silver Leys turf, due to the demise of Old Elthamians 1st team, followed by a 'free Saturday' factored in by the league hierarchy.

Two long away trips to Sale and Cinderford however, were played, unfortunately without a win, so it feels really good to be back home at long last. So, we welcome Birmingham Moseley as our opposition here today, who currently sit 5 places above us in the league, but tellingly have only won once on the road... Just saying!

Last time they visited us was in January 2020, when we ran out 29-15 winners, a result I'm sure we would grab at this time. Disappointingly, our form has been too inconsistent in too many matches this year, which was certainly the case against league leaders Cinderford last week, where, for long periods of the match we were by far the better side but just couldn't sustain that to the final whistle.



At least by not having a match on Saturday the 6th, it allowed a few 1st teamers and several blazers to add their names to the incredible list of 150 volunteers who helped to make our community firework evening such an amazing success, both in terms of the enjoyment to the thousands of families who attended, and to the very large amount of money which

Perry and his team were able to forward to the Centenary fund. Well done to all concerned!

Whilst on the subject of the Centenary fund, the proceeds of which are all being channelled into building some much needed changing rooms, please keep yourself up to date by visiting the club website, where you can find lots of

information about how can help us celebrate our Centenary, and hopefully have some fun whilst supporting your club. The latest initiative to be launched is a sponsored bike ride, which is being organised by Dick Worboys and Gareth Crockett. So, if you can pedal 100 miles rapidly (counts me out!), you had better make contact. Alternatively, if lycra's not your thing, they are on the lookout for anyone interested in offering some sponsorship, which I'm sure would be gratefully received!

As always, it's great to see so many of our sponsors and their guests here today. Your input into the club is hugely appreciated. Today's Match Day Sponsors are Nockolds, the Man of the Match sponsors are Tees and Russell Property are again sponsoring the Match Day Experience for the mini's.

We are also delighted to have such a large contingent of Vice President's here. I know some of you have travelled some distance to be able to attend, so I hope you're enjoying catching up with some old friends and remembering all those great stories you trot out every year!

Seriously, I hope you all have a fantastic day and enjoy the rugby, and hopefully cheer on a Stortford win!







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## TOM COLEMAN / MARCUS CATTELL



Would like to start by welcoming Birmingham Moseley to Silver Leys for our National One encounter. Games between us have always been hugely physical and exciting, today will be no different.

It's been a long 5 weeks since our last home game against Rams, and only our 4th home game of the season, having played 6 away from home. A last minute kick to beat Rams wasn't to be, and then a poor 60 mins at Sale FC left us too far behind, even with a 3 try burst which brought us back to within touching distance of an unlikely win from being 29-3 down. A two week break has allowed some bodies to recover and the energy and focus has been excellent at training since the break.

We've taken the positives from our visit to Cinderford last week and looked to iron out a few areas we feel we can improve. It's been a frustrating period of losses but we feel we are really close to that complete performance.

Once again a huge thanks to all our fantastic sponsors and supporters, we hope you all enjoy your day at BSRFC.

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our online sales website 2 hours before the gate opened, we had already sold an almost ridiculous number of tickets.

Fortunately not many more people wanted to pay on the gate but we worried not, because we can fairly accurately say that our audience on the night was still a massive new 'personal best' of 6300.

The committee's plans thankfully proved effective BUT we couldn't have achieved it without the help of the small army of club

Some of you will I'm sure have noticed our fundraising 'thermometer' up in the rafters of the main bar. Many of you probably haven't!

It's been up there since the season started and until very recently the ball, which is our version of the mercury, was stuck resolutely to Oz Pope's left foot! But the success of our two most recent fundraising events have allowed us to finally move it a step closer to its and our eventual goal.

The Centenary golf day & dinner organised by Graham Springham and Colin Haslam, realised a magnificent profit of £5,000 all of which was donated to the fund. Many thanks to all our golfers and their guests for their contribution and of course to Springers and Waz for arranging the whole event.

And then two Saturdays ago saw us host our 22nd / 'Centenary' iteration of the BSRFC Fireworks Display and it's one that for many reasons will go down in the annals of our clubs history.

Firstly the challenges it presented in the wake of, and indeed to a significant degree face of, Covid 19. Having had a year away from putting it all together, the committee soon shook off any cobwebs and showed that working as a team is as important off the pitch as on it.

It was pretty apparent from early on that we were dealing with a set of exceptional circumstances. 'The Stars' of new housing, Covid lockdown frustration, good weather & complete lack of competition, aligned and by the time we closed

members, friends and supporters that turned out over the course of the day and night to help us make it happen.

High ticket sales always equals bumper profit. But what gladdened my heart, more than the thought of the cash rolling in, was the fact that we managed to mobilise approx. 150 volunteers representing every section and aspect of the club. I'm not sure there are many organisations & certainly not sports clubs that could have achieved that. It really was a brilliant #OneClub effort and one which we should be very proud of. Thank you and well done to everyone involved.

As a result of the efforts of those 150 and the generosity of our sponsor Hanbury Wealth, the fireworks committee will be able to donate a truly amazing £28,000 to the Centenary Appeal fund and in doing so help to create what will be a lasting legacy for many decades to come.

Both the Golf Day & Fireworks demonstrate that by working together as a whole club we can achieve great things and our next opportunity to prove it will be by buying tickets or making a bid on our Centenary Xmas Raffle and Online Auction. Please keep an eye out in the coming days for more details and please encourage everyone you know, friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues, anyone to join our fundraising effort.

And then maybe before Christmas we might just be able to move the ball again.



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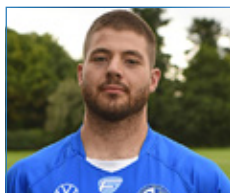


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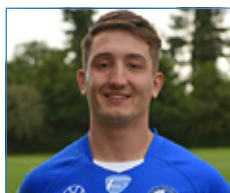
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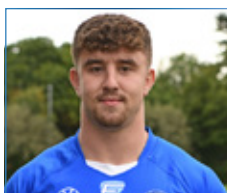
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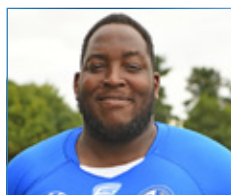
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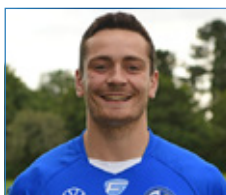


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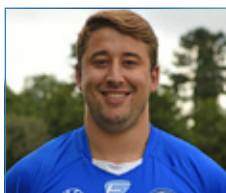


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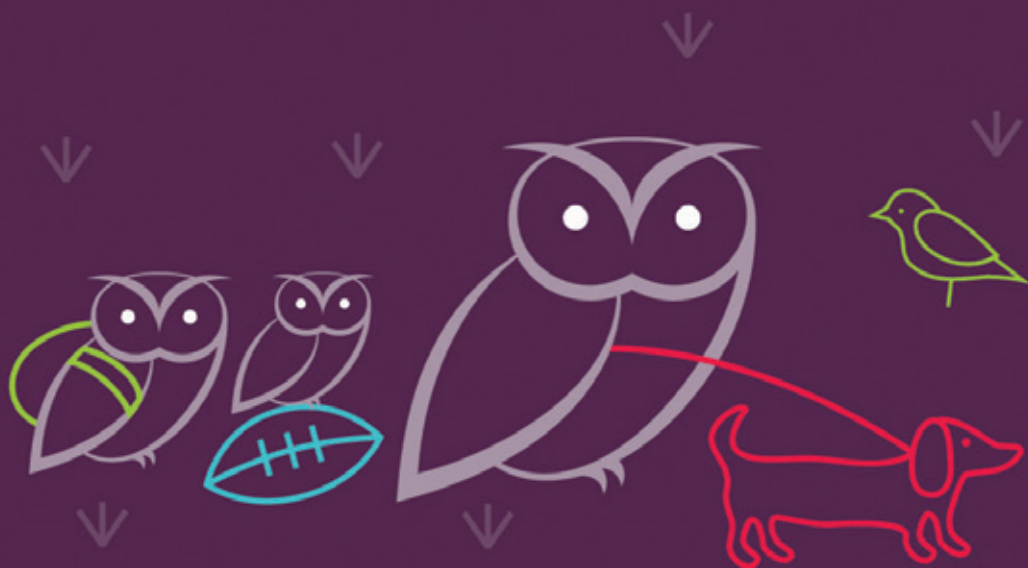


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The Club's so called 'Golden years' were in the 60's & 70's when their fixture list routinely included the top sides in England and Wales, and Moseley players were regularly included in international teams.

When league rugby commenced in 1987, Moseley were placed in the Courage National Division 1, the top division at the time and in 1988 they ended Bath's astonishing run of 22 unbeaten cup matches winning 4-3!

They were though relegated at the end of the 1990-1991 season. The club entered administration in 1998 and 4 years of financial turmoil followed before a new Moseley Rugby Club emerged in 2002. The rescue came too late though to save them on the field and that season they once again endured relegation this time to National Two (Level 3)

They regained their spot in the second tier by finishing as champions in 2006 & there they remained until they were relegated to this league at the end of the 2015/16 season.

Prior to the 2016-17 season, the club changed its name to Birmingham Moseley Rugby Club.

This will be the seventh occasion we have met, having each won 3 of the encounters. In the doomed 19/20 season we lost a nail biter 34-32 up at their place in the September and won here in early January, 29-15.





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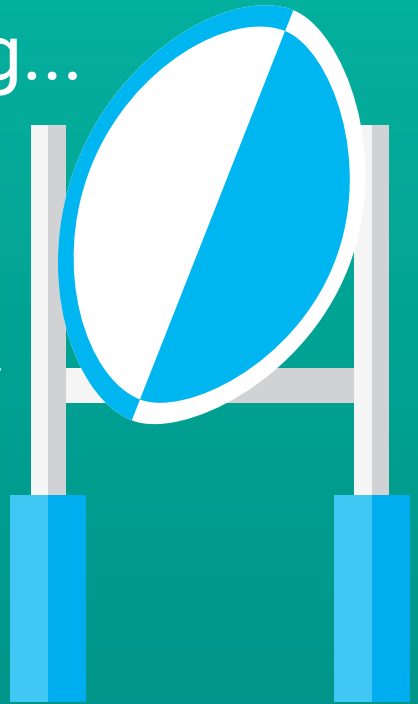
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## NATIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIXTURE SCHEDULE & RESULTS GRID 2021-22

	Blr M	BSRFC	Bkthh	Caldy	Camb	Chin	Cind	DMP	Leeds	Phym A	Rams	Ross Pk	Sale	Taunton	TJ's
Blr M		26/03	22-20	15/01	29/01	22-29	23/04	23-22	33-32	19/02	27/11	8-29	09/04	05/03	34-21
BSRFC	20/11		02/04	04/12	18/12	16/04	12/03	12/02	15/01	32-19	19-21	29/01	26/02	26-22	30/04
Bkthh	08/01	27/11		16-18	9-15	29/01	15-18	23-14	05/03	30-36	09/04	26/03	11/12	42-19	19/02
Caldy	0-24	09/04	22/01		19/02	27-27	08/01	27-22	31-28	05/03	11/12	27/11	23/04	26/03	47-40
Camb	32-7	23/04	12/02	22-22		26/02	22/01	26-26	27/11	26/03	28-34	11/12	08/01	09/04	45-14
Chinnor	22/01	11/12	34-28	12/02	30-32		28-33	20-23	26/03	36-41	23/04	09/04	34-21	27/11	05/03
Cind	18/12	55-39	30/04	29-21	41-26	15/01		16/04	50-12	36-12	26/03	05/03	27/11	26-21	29/01
DMP	30/04	33-22	15/01	29/01	05/03	19/02	11/12		23/04	09/04	29-23	17-28	15-32	32-38	26/03
Leeds	26/02	33-25	27-25	12/03	02/04	20/11	19/02	18/12		16/04	22/01	08/01	29/01	29-41	04/12
Phym A	34-12	08/01	26/02	7-26	20/11	12/03	12/02	04/12	11/12		19-26	08-37	22/01	23/04	02/04
Rams	02/04	19/02	04/12	16/04	30/04	18/12	20/11	26/02	29-11	15/01		24-21	21-32	29/01	24-13
Ross Pk	12/03	14-13	19/11	02/04	16/04	04/12	38-31	22/01	60-10	30/04	12/02		20-15	15/01	18/12
Sale	04/12	32-24	16/04	18/12	15-7	30/04	02/04	12/03	21-17	38-27	05/03	19/02		53-28	15/01
Taunton	22-19	22/01	12/03	20/11	04/12	02/04	26/02	08/01	30/04	18/12	18-17	14-40	12/02		16/04
TJ's	12/02	18-18	21-23	26/02	12/03	15-34	12-21	20/11	09/04	27/11	08/01	23/04	30-21	11/12	
ROUNDS 1 to 10										ROUNDS 11 to 14					
										ROUNDS 15-28					

# Results grid, table and fixtures

## NATIONAL LEAGUE 1

### Season 2021/2022 NATIONAL 1

### Results from 13th November

HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
Cinderford	55-39	Bishop's Stortford
Cambridge	45-14	Tonbridge Juddians
Caldy	31-28	Leeds Tykes
Blackheath	42-19	Taunton
Darlington Mowden Park	15-32	Sale FC
Chinnor	36-41	Plymouth Albion
Birmingham Moseley	8-29	Rosslyn Park
Spare week		Rams

### Season 2021/2022 NATIONAL 1

### Fixtures for 20th November

HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
Rosslyn Park	Fri	Blackheath
Bishop's Stortford	vs	Birmingham Moseley
Leeds Tykes	vs	Chinnor
Plymouth Albion	vs	Cambridge
Rams	vs	Cinderford
Taunton	vs	Caldy
Tonbridge Juddians	vs	Darlington Mowden Park
Spare week		Sale FC

### National League 1 - 2021/2022

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	TBP	LBP	Points
Cinderford	10	9	0	1	340	224	116	8	1	45
Rosslyn Park	9	8	0	1	287	140	147	5	1	38
Sale FC	10	7	0	3	280	223	57	5	1	34
Rams	9	6	0	3	219	190	29	5	2	31
Chinnor	9	4	1	4	272	242	30	7	4	29
Caldy	9	5	2	2	219	215	4	3	0	27
Cambridge	9	4	2	3	233	198	35	6	1	27
Birmingham Moseley	10	5	0	5	204	241	-37	2	2	24
Blackheath	10	3	0	7	231	224	7	4	7	23
Taunton	9	4	0	5	223	284	-61	4	2	22
Darlington Mowden Park	10	3	1	6	233	262	-29	3	3	20
Plymouth Albion	9	3	0	6	203	273	-70	4	1	17
Bishop's Stortford	9	2	1	6	218	247	-29	3	2	15
Leeds Tykes	9	2	0	7	199	315	-116	4	3	15
Tonbridge Juddians	9	1	1	7	184	267	-83	2	2	10

# The Teams



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3	Tom McCrone
4	Harry Charter
5	Tom Lewis
6	James Apperley
7	Jacob Wrafter
8	Rory Banks
9	Sam Bryan
10	Dan Cole
11	Chris Smith
12	Jack Scantlebury (c)
13	James Ayrton
14	Cole Swannack
15	Tom Walker

#### REPLACEMENTS

16	Alex Rayment
17	Seb Brownhill
18	Brad Etherington
19	Josh Stannard
20	Dan Powell

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**Forwards coach** Lee Soper |



# The Teams

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	Sam McNulty	<b>2</b>
	Jide Ajiya	<b>3</b>
	Fraizer Kiff	<b>4</b>
	Harry Butler	<b>5</b>
	Will Safe (c)	<b>6</b>
	Liam Munro	<b>7</b>
	Ashley Johnson	<b>8</b>
	Sam Pointon	<b>9</b>
	Harry O'Brien	<b>10</b>
	Aquile Smith	<b>11</b>
	Isaac McNulty	<b>12</b>
	Ollie Allsopp	<b>13</b>
	Mason Tonks	<b>14</b>
	Ton Benjamin	<b>15</b>

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### REPLACEMENTS

	James Tideswell	<b>16</b>
	Harry Barnes	<b>18</b>
	Pat Zindi	<b>19</b>
	Matt Dight	<b>20</b>
	Niall Cleaver	<b>21</b>

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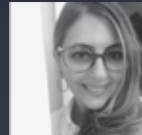
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# A busy autumn...

## FOR THE BSRFC MINI'S SECTION



At long last our club's Centenary season is now resembling normality and the mini's age groups have been as hectic as ever.

Our opening gambit was an away Festival hosted by Upminster followed by reciprocated fixtures against Colchester. For those travelling to Colchester they got to see their new club facilities. Very impressive.

Other age groups have travelled to Southend, Woodford and Newmarket.

It was then time for us to host our Festival.

The weather was kind and the autumn sun shone. The stage was therefore set for Silver Leys to welcome seven visiting teams; Hertford, Harpenden, Bury St Edmunds, Harlow, Wanstead, Cheshunt and Old Albanians. Apart from some frantic reshuffling of matches caused by some teams having to withdraw late due to their players needing to self-isolate the morning went very well. Coaches from all age groups reported solid performances and received complimentary remarks on how well organised it was.

Thanks to the 1st XV players who were in attendance. They moved around the various pitches to watch how well the players are developing and reports have it that they were very impressed.



The boys and the coaches really appreciate your time, thanks for turning out gents.

As always none of this would be possible without the organising committee so a huge thank you to the U9's for all their hard work. Very well done.

Remembrance Sunday saw all age groups come together on the freshly painted in-goal area of Pitch 1.

As always, the two minutes silence was impeccably observed by the players with the discipline and respect which characterises them as rugby players.

Up next its reciprocal fixtures against Shelford and then over to Hertford for their Saturday night floodlit festival. This is then followed, for some, by another trip down the A10 the next morning for a Sunday morning fixture.



Another highlight for The Mini's is being asked to The Russell Property Partnership Match day Experience whereby they get to visit the 1st XV in the changing rooms and have a chat, followed by a short session on the back pitches with one or two of the team, then they get their purple T-Shirts on and are issued with their flags in readiness to welcome the two teams onto the hallowed turf. They are then asked to be ball boys throughout the match and finally a group photograph is taken after the match as a keepsake of their afternoon.

A big note of thanks goes to all our sponsors for their continued support and generosity.

Should you wish to bring your child along for a taster session we would be pleased to introduce them to the squad. In the first instance please contact the Manager of the particular age group and they will inform you of availability.

On behalf of the Mini's coaches we'd like to wish all youth and senior teams continued success as the season unfolds.

**Andy Greenacre**  
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# Match Report

## CINDERFORD 55-39 BISHOP'S STORTFORD



Although given a mighty scare by Stortford, Cinderford are not table-toppers by chance and they eventually ran out comfortable winners, building largely on their powerful pack, backed up by an occasionally threatening backline. As a result, the visitors had only a 4 try bonus point to show for a battling performance, based on patience, persistence and accuracy in possession and determination in defence, until wilting late on.

Stortford started brightly and were rewarded with 3 points from a Tom Walker penalty for an off the ball offence by Cinderford after 6 minutes. Within 4 minutes, though, the home side had a 2 point lead, when they returned a poor clearance kick and a good offload saw Jamie Forrester in for an unconverted try. The visitors bounced back and with Dec Caulfield making repeated dents, close-quarters pressure allowed Seb Brownhill to force his way over for a try, converted by Walker after 16 minutes. Within 3 minutes, a try to Rory Banks, supporting a great break from a lineout by Tom Lewis, well converted by Walker, saw the visitors 12 points ahead. The gap was narrowed to 5 on 24 minutes, though, when Will Hendy's dancing feet took him past two defenders, as he stepped inside, with an overlap outside for a converted try. Stortford flew back onto the attack and were rewarded with another Walker penalty after 28 minutes and, four minutes later, were 15 points ahead after a Cole Swannock try, supporting a great break from the base of a ruck by Sam Bryan. Walker again converted. Cinderford showed their mettle, though scoring two tries in quick succession in the last 5 minutes of the half – the first to their right wing after a crucial offload in midfield and the second, a trademark driving maul, which proved unstoppable from a lineout close to the 22. The latter was converted to take the halftime score to 24-27.

Stortford struggled to get out of their 22

in the first 5 minutes of the second period and, were finally punished with another try from a long driving maul, which was well converted. Still, Stortford fought back, despite their scrum now coming under increased pressure, and, after an extended period of possession in the opposition half, a long pass from Dan Cole found Walker unmarked out wide for an unconverted try. Yet another converted try from a Cinderford driving maul 6 minutes later restored the home lead, but only for 6 minutes, when a piece of individual opportunism saw James Apperley finish off another extended period of pressure on the Cinderford line by pirouetting out of a tackle and beating the last two defenders to cross the line for yet another converted try. That took the visitors back into a single point lead, but that was as good as it was going to get, with the powerful Cinderford side, increasingly taking control. Almost inevitably, the crucial fightback started with another try from a driving maul after 32 minutes, followed almost immediately by a hat-trick try to second row, Joe Dancer, as Stortford's now weary defence crumbled in the face of a surging Cinderford counter-attack. With time running out, the home side sealed the victory with a penalty from in front of the posts, giving them a somewhat flattering 16 point margin at the end of what had been a pulsating, end to end game.



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## Daniel Smart

**Age:** 29

**Position:** Halfback

**First club:** Dunedin/Pirates

**Previous clubs:** Glasgow Hawks, Canterbury, Sumner

**Rugby/sporting inspiration:** Byron Kelleher

**Memorable rugby experience:**

Promotion with CRFC/ England Counties Tour.

**Why I chose Stortford:** Always enjoyed the style of play. Never afraid to throw it around and play open running rugby.

**Personal goals for this season:** Work hard, enjoy my teammates company, meet the Stortford faithful and have fun doing it.

**Who's stood out from the team:**

There's a few familiar faces who I've had to play against over the years and who have always stood out during those games. But overall I'd say it's the way the whole team plays which left a lasting memory.

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Working in conjunction with the 1stXV coaching team, CS provides funding for various expenditure beyond the financial resources of the main club.

Our Joint head coaches Tom and Marcus have stressed on a number of occasions how important the financial support given to them by Club Stortford is. Quite simply, without it’s support, the team would not be able to perform at such currently high levels.

We continue to look for new members, to allow us to broaden and deepen the extent of our support.

We would urge you to consider joining Club Stortford. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact our secretary,

**Russell Cattell 07778 101 988**





The Oval Club was formed in 1998 by some Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club members who wanted to find a way of raising funds to improve the playing facilities of the Club with the mission statement:

***'To contribute towards promoting the highest possible standard of rugby throughout Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club'***

The Oval Club is an autonomous body and entirely independent of the Rugby Club's operations. None of the Committee members hold a position or appointment in the Rugby Club's infrastructure. The Oval Club does not seek to influence decisions of the Rugby Club. It responds to requests for financial assistance for projects which have been approved by the Rugby Club's Executive Committee and which fall within its mission statement.

Funds are raised by monthly contributions from the Members two thirds of which are set aside for Rugby Club projects with the other third reserved for social events for Members.

To date The Oval Club has raised over a quarter of a million pounds with the Rugby Club receiving more than £150,000.

The Oval Club makes contributions to the Rugby Club for one off projects which are of long term value and not part of on-going budget requirements. Often these contributions have been made to the Club to enable it to secure grants from the Rugby Football Union and other sources.

So far, major contributions have been made towards the cost of:

- Flood lighting the main pitch,
- Floodlighting the back field pitches,
- Pitch repair and maintenance,
- Improvement of the playing surfaces, including the purchase of a verti-drainer,
- Drainage of the back field pitches,
- Rabbit fencing,

- Replacement of goal posts,
- Refurbishing the changing room showers,
- Purchase of physiotherapy equipment,
- Playing equipment and travel costs for all teams,
- Supporting youth and mini through tours, kit and additional playing facilities,
- Junior coaching courses.

**On the social side there are annual Members' events. Currently these are:**

- A self-supporting golf day at one of the local golf clubs,
- An Annual Dinner and Forum,
- First team home and away lunches.

Through its contributions The Oval Club plays a considerable part in helping the Rugby Club enhance its playing related facilities for the use and benefit of all members of the Club.

**Anyone who is interested in joining The Oval Club should contact a member of the Committee below.**

**THE OVAL CLUB COMMITTEE:**

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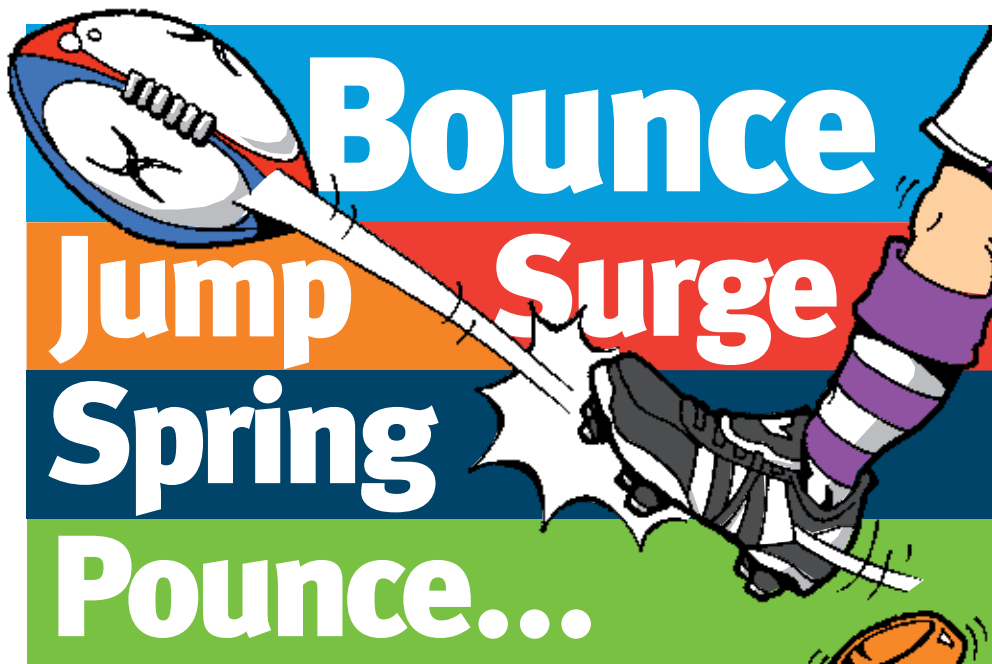


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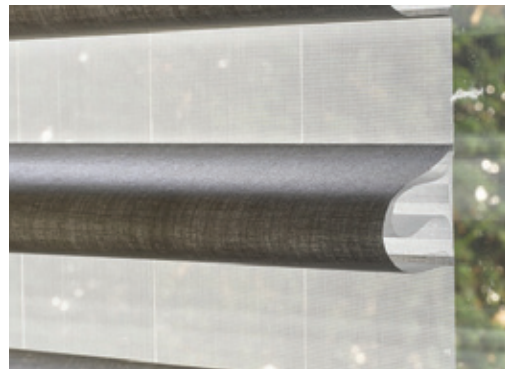


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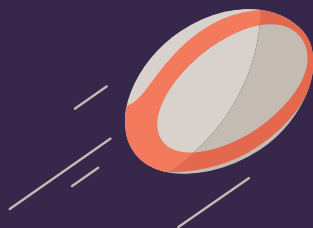
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# BSRFC Centenary Book

## ON THIS DAY - NOVEMBER 12TH



12th November is a significant date for our Club because on that day in 1921 the Club played its first match. It was at the Dunmow Road ground against RAF Duxford, and we won 8-3. The team that day included many founder members including Dr G. E. Burton whose brother H C Burton played for England. C. E. H. Reckitt, an ex-Richmond player, was captain and Dr J. R. Marrack was vice-captain. He played into his 50s and used to walk from Sawbridgeworth to Bishop's Stortford, play 2nd Row then walk home – a round trip of 10 miles which no doubt was fortified by a few beers after the match.

Later in November 1921, the Club had victories against London Scottish 'A' by 21-3 and in that first season also defeated Felstead and Richmond 'B', one of several games against the lower sides of the big clubs including Rosslyn Park 'A', London Welsh 'A' and Wasps VI which was won 9-8. In the season, the Club played 15 games, winning 10 and scoring 258 points against 121 (only three points for a try and two for a conversion).

At the beginning of November 1971, all four sides had good wins over Tabard: 1st XV 33-10, 'A' 72-3, 'Extra A' 50-4, and Chindits 63-4 giving a cumulative total of 218 versus 21! I

On 24th November 1988, BSRFC IV (the 'Chindits') won 31-18 against Old Albanians. The pattern of experienced players stepping down the sides to support, and encourage Youth and Colts players, begun

by Brian Gorman and Bob Green, was by then well established and in the game against UCL Old Boys ex 1st XV players Gould, Taylor, and Lockwood were joined by Colt, Scott Hadfield.

In our four seasons in National One, we have finished one place below today's opponents Moseley once, in 2017-18 when we had the same number of league points and 15 wins to their 14 but only 8 try bonus points to their 13. The next year we finished 9th to their 12th, 72 points to 68. In 2019-20 when the season finished prematurely due to COVID 19, the final league places were calculated based on home and away playing records in fixtures played up to the date of the cancellation. This gave us a position of 11th to Moseley's 13th.

**The Centenary History, '100 Years of Blood, Sweat and Cheers' is on sale in the Club shop.**



The book covers the triumphs and the disappointments, the milestones and the achievements.

It includes players and officers; families and fans; Juniors and Seniors; ladies and men; girls and boys; Social events and matches.

# BSRFC Ladies

## LOSE OUT TO LOCAL RIVALS HARLOW



BSRFC Ladies will regard this as one that got away as they went down 14-24 to a well-drilled but beatable Harlow side at Silver Leys on Sunday (7 November) writes Dave Walker.

First blood went to Harlow as a period of sustained pressure was rewarded by a run-in under the sticks, which was converted. This was followed in short order by a second try out on the right wing to give the Rams a 12-point lead after 10 minutes.

Stortford dug in and worked their way back up field, some direct carrying breaching the opposition's 22. A surging run by back of the match Mia Richey took play down to the oppo's 5 metre line, setting the conditions for prop (and forward of the match) E-J Cappucini to power over. Out-half Becca Copen neatly converted, to cut the deficit to 5 points.

Harlow scored next, a turnover in their own half going through the hands for a sprint down the right wing and a fly-hack that was rewarded by a fortunate bounce. The conversion was missed.

Stortford refused to be bowed, and a great break by No.8 Jess Slade took her to within an arm's length of the line. Slade sensibly recycled rather than reaching for the whitewash and the next phase saw Cappucini drive over from short range for her second. Copen's conversion was good.

Harlow secured the last points of the game with a converted try. Overall, it was a good performance by the home side, but one they'll feel could've gone the other way but for a couple of mo-ments of defensive inattention and a slight lack of accuracy in open play. Plenty of positives to take away; BSRFC Ladies go again.

By Dave Walker





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a National League 1 Match. The day kicks off with a QandA in the 1st XV Changing Room, followed by Training, Games and Warm up Sessions with the Coaches and Players. They then form the "Players Tunnel" alongside the "Blazers" to welcome both the opposition and the 1st XV onto the pitch before the game. Their experience culminates with Post Match Photos alongside the Players.



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