

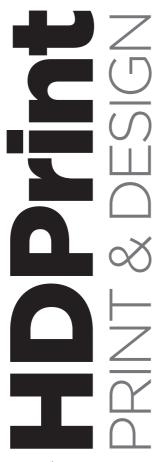


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NATIONAL LEAGUE 1

BISHOP'S STORTFORD V CALDY RFC

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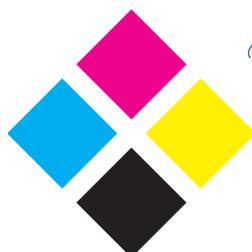
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President's Welcome

MICK COLEMAN



We are delighted to welcome all players, officials and supporters who have made the long trip from Caldy (near Liverpool) for today's National One league clash, which we, more than they, need to win! Caldy are currently 6 league places above ourselves, but interestingly (at least to me), we've notched up 1 more bonus point than them and our points scoring difference is a mere 12 pts in Caldy's favour. But unfortunately, the column that counts is league points, and Caldy have 13 more than us in that column!

We are equally delighted to have a VIP guest with us this afternoon, in our local MP, Julie Marson. It's greatly appreciated that Julie has taken the time to be with us today, and that she continues to show genuine interest in our community club. We trust that Julie, and her husband Chris, enjoy their afternoon at Silver Leys today.

Also good to see Peter Hilton of Hilton coachworks here as our Match Day sponsor, and Jonathan Hey of Westbury Garden Rooms as our Man of the Match sponsor.

Excellent news has been reported by Peter Scarlett, who, along with Richard Norden



attended a Town Council sports grant meeting a couple of weeks ago. Both Trustees have worked tirelessly on trying to obtain funding for our changing room project,

(with Peter recently submitting a 150 page dossier to councillors,) so it was with great excitement that he has been able to announce that he has secured a £150k grant from the council. Fantastic! And he is already hard at work chasing down other funding avenues.

So, Peter has done his bit for the Centenary Appeal, how about you now doing yours? Opportunities abound! You could just 'tap and go' on the dedicated card terminal in the clubhouse, or you could buy your Christmas tree from Tom Rands in the car park. Tom will generously donate £10 to the appeal for every tree sold, so please support this brilliant initiative. You could put your hand up in the auction for a Peter James turkey, or you could support the



club quiz night on 10th Dec. How about going on the club website to view, not only all the above, but where you will also be able to glean all the info on the online silent auction, which has some fantastic one off opportunities, but also the Clubs own Christmas raffle. This raffle replaces the old RFU one, which was always a significant fund raiser for us, so please be generous and give us your support. Again, there are some great prizes and many volunteers work their socks off on these events so please BUY! Tickets are available via text BS10, 20 or 30 (30 for 3 books please!) to 70810, or see Graham Springham if you prefer a real ticket!

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We would firstly like to thank everyone who created such a good atmosphere when Birmingham Moseley visited Silver Leys two weeks ago. We were rightly very pleased with the players who put in an exceptional performance to get a convincing victory.

Our challenge is to find that winning mentality away from home as fast forward a week and some familiar problems appeared in our game and we were outplayed by Blackheath in difficult conditions. We never fired any shots and failed to execute our game plan which was incredibly frustrating.

Needless to say, we are pleased to be back home for today's game and the players are keen to get back out to the battlefield after a good week's preparation. Rest assured we know there is a mighty challenge in front of us in Caldy, who have had a good start to the season and recorded some impressive victories. We have had some really good battles over the last few years and look forward to that continuing today.

Lastly, we would like to say a massive thank you to all of our excellent sponsors and volunteers. Your continued support is incredibly humbling and we hope there's a performance in us today to show our appreciation.

Come on you Blues!

Tom & Marcus

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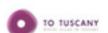
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They have come a long way since such humble beginnings but like ourselves they've done it the right way, steadily & sustainably. They won National 2 North whilst we were winning 2 South in 2017 & thus we were promoted together. It was therefore fitting that we should play each other in our first ever games at level 3 on the opening weekend of last season's campaign here at Silver Leys. We emerged victorious that day winning a high scoring encounter 49-26.

At that early stage we were both uncertain as to how our respective first seasons at this level would develop but thankfully by the time we met again on the last day of the season at their charming Paton Field home, both sides were assured of a second season at National One. Although it mattered little in the overall scheme of things, our large contingent of travelling support that sunny April day on the Wirral, were pleased that we finished the season with a victory. 28-18.

When the visited us in November 2018 they had had a significantly better start to the notoriously difficult 'second season' than we had. We had managed just 3 wins out of 10 compared to their 6 and that divide was widened come full time after they recorded a 3-13 win!

But form can be fickle and by the time we returned the favour by beating them 14-16 at Paton Field the following March our respective fortunes had gone full circle.

Quite incredibly despite being one of the few teams to beat Ampthill that season Caldy found themselves dragged into a relegation dog fight and a last minute defeat at Birmingham Moseley on the last day of the season along with a surprise victory for Cambridge at Sale sent them back to National Two North.

Season 19 /20 was of course ultimately curtailed by Covid but in truth not even a pandemic was going to stop a rampant (& undefeated) Caldy reclaiming their place in Nat 1 for this season.

Much like in 2018 they arrive at Silver Leys today having made a much more positive start to this campaign than us having won 6 of their 11 games to date. Let's hope for all our sakes that history doesn't repeat itself. We'll take the win today & Caldy don't get relegated!



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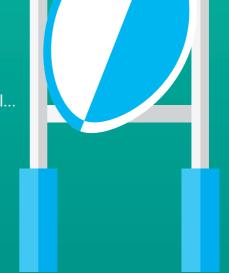




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FIXTURE SCHEDULE & RESULTS GRID 2021-22

Results grid, table and fixtures NATIONAL LEAGUE 1

Season 2021/2022 NATIONAL 1

Results from 27th November

HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
Cinderford	15-19	Sale FC
Cambridge	15-17	Leeds Tykes
Caldy	20-26	Rosslyn Park
Blackheath	16-6	Bishop's Stortford
Chinnor	22-5	Taunton
Tonbridge Juddians	12-10	Plymouth Albion
Birmingham Moseley	P-P	Rams
Spare week		Darlington Mowden Park

Season 2021/2022 NATIONAL 1

Fixtures for 4th December

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

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Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	TBP	LBP	Points
Rosslyn Park	11	10	0	1	368	174	194	7	1	48
Cinderford	12	9	0	3	375	265	110	8	3	47
Chinnor	11	6	1	4	323	259	64	9	4	39
Sale FC	11	8	0	3	299	238	61	5	1	38
Rams	10	7	0	3	241	210	31	5	2	35
Caldy	11	6	2	3	275	272	3	4	1	33
Cambridge	11	5	2	4	265	215	50	6	2	32
Blackheath	12	4	0	8	261	285	-24	4	7	27
Birmingham Moseley	11	5	0	6	207	274	-67	2	2	24
Darlington Mowden Park	11	4	1	6	263	286	-23	3	3	24
Taunton	11	4	0	7	259	342	-83	5	3	24
Bishop's Stortford	11	3	1	7	257	266	-9	4	2	20
Leeds Tykes	11	3	0	8	228	359	-131	4	3	19
Plymouth Albion	11	3	0	8	212	302	-90	4	2	18
Tonbridge Juddians	11	2	1	8	220	306	-86	3	3	16

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	4	Harry Charter	
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	6	Rory Banks	
	7	Jacob Wrafter	
	8	Toby Knight	
9	9	Sam Bryan	
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1	2	James Ayrton (c)	
1	13	Josh Stannard	
1	4	Dan Powell	
1	15	Tom Walker	
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1	7	Ben Harrison-Price	hilton coachworks
1	8	James Apperley	niitoncoachworks
1	9	Tom Banks	
2	20	George Cullen	

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	Joseph Murray	9
	Ezra Hinchliffe	10
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Six to Sixteen





Back in September 2011 our rugby journey began as U6s training behind the posts on the 1st XV pitch with dreams of playing on it one day.

We started with 16 boys which grew to 33 by the end of the season once word got around about how much fun we were having!

Numbers grew again the next year and we had to cap at 60 due to a lack of space. Rugby's core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship were at the heart of everything we did along with a few core values of our own: To develop every child's core skills to the best of their ability; Never win too easily or lose too badly and Equal game time for everyone, which I'm proud to say we have stuck to.

It's been a lot of fun along the way seeing the boys develop and grow but not much beats the fun we had back then on minis tours. The video we made for our U8s tour is legendary

https://vimeo.com/91898502#

After 3 seasons of playing Tag rugby it was time to move up to U9s and introduce contact starting with the tackle. There was a mixture of nerves and excitement amongst the players and their parents however it was the coaches' fears that

someone would get hurt and not want to play again that stuck with me. We managed to navigate our way through it with nothing more than bumps and bruises and went on to introduce rucks, mauls, scrums and lineouts in the years that followed. Now we are U16s and after Christmas we will start contesting lifted lineouts and the game will be complete.

Everything has got bigger, team sizes have grown from U7s playing 4-a-side on a postage stamp to U16s playing 15 a-side on a full pitch but most of all the players themselves. Those

little boys have become young men but the fun hasn't changed which is why we have been able to field 2 teams throughout Youth from U13s to U16s.

Over the last 11 seasons we have had 124 players registered in our age group and 22 parents have helped me with the coaching. Parents and guardians have been thoroughly supportive and as an age group we have run a successful minis festival at U9s, a minis Tour at U10s and an U13s Youth Festival.

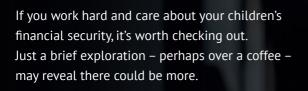


As our days in Youth are drawing to a close we are looking forward to and preparing for our next step up into Colts. This brings an increase in intensity and physicality but also the chance to actually play on the 1st XV pitch we dreamed of back in U6s.

Matt Woodford

BSRFC U16s Lead Coach

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Match Report

BI ACKHEATH 16-6 BISHOP'S STORTFORD



Playing with the strong wind in the first half, Stortford were unable to take real advantage, although, to be fair, the home side did deprive them of the ball for extended periods with some impressive play, based on aggressive running and close support, enabling them to go through phase after phase after phase. Some dogged defence from the visitors limited the threat of points being scored, but the limited possession made it hard for them to develop any rhythm of their own. They. therefore were able to pose little attacking threat themselves and had to settle for two penalty goals from the boot of Tom Walker in the third and thirty second minutes. Blackheath stuck manfully to their task of running the ball through multiple phases, whilst taking only limited advantage of Stortford's inability to contest swirling box kicks. Almost inevitably, after minutes on end of driving play and tackle after tackle for the visitors to make, a decisive chink was finally found in their defence and, after 35 minutes full advantage was taken with a try close to the posts, giving the home flyhalf an easy conversion, to take his side into a one point halftime lead. Stortford's huge

challenge in mounting a comeback against the increasing wind was further increased just before the break, when Dan Powell was sin-binned for a deliberate knock-on, as Blackheath again threatened their line.

Not only did Stortford fail to achieve such a turnaround, but the quality of Blackheath's handling also deteriorated after the break, so the second half was a pretty dour affair in the worsening conditions. To add to the visitors' woes, though, their scrum, hitherto, pretty solid, suddenly was in all sorts of trouble, conceding a number of penalties and losing a couple of balls against the head. Despite continuing to dominate both possession and territory, the home side's repeated handling mistakes meant that they were able only to add three penalties to their tally, two in the final 10 minutes of the game. This, for the battling Stortford team, unfortunately was enough to deprive them even of the losing bonus point which, for much of the half, it looked as if they might, through their sheer doggedness, hang onto.





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Memorable rugby experience:

Winning the National U18 vase at Twickenham with my school.

Why I chose Stortford:

The all team look like they had fun and enjoyed rugby, whilst playing at a great level.

Personal goals for this season:

To enjoy my rugby and learn the most I can from a great bunch of lads and coaching team.

Who's stood out from the team:

All the boys were really welcoming, however two people really stood out to me, and that is Ben Harrison-Price and Callum Coyne, just great guys to have a laugh with.

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Blues v Brunel University





On November 20 a depleted Bishop's Stortford Blues team travelled to West London facing off against an energetic and organised Brunel University side where they were beaten 52-5.

The Blues came into the fixture high on confidence following two consecutive wins but it was apparent from the opening exchanges that Brunel would pose a far sterner test.

Brunel started the game off with high intensity whereas the Blues, perhaps a bit slow to get going after a delayed bus journey scuppered the pre-match preparations, struggled to get to grips with them.

Eventually, the early pressure exerted by Brunel resulted in three points from a penalty and then a converted try from a few pick and go's soon after.

The Blues began to fight back and gained good territory from an Eliot Rayment break but found themselves unfortunate to be on the wrong side of the referee's whistle.

The Blues frustrations mounted when being repeatedly pinged for infringements at the breakdown which afforded Brunel territory and allowed Brunel to score another converted try from a lineout.

Scrum-Half Dan Smart thought he had scored

the Blues opening try when he audaciously stepped a defender at the breakdown until the referee created confusion halting play for an injury not interfering with play.

Capitalising on some of the marginal calls, Brunel scored two swift attacking tries by spreading the ball and stretching the Stortford defence

Captain Reece Lane rallied the team just before half-time and, following some strong carries from Ed Harris, space was afforded out wide for some quick hands through the backs which enabled Michael

Ogunwole to evade a defender and score on his debut to make the score 31-5.

The beginning of the second half was controlled by the Blues who slowed the game down and made good inroads into the Brunel defence which, accompanied by strong tackling from Ollie Jones, prevented Brunel from building any momentum.

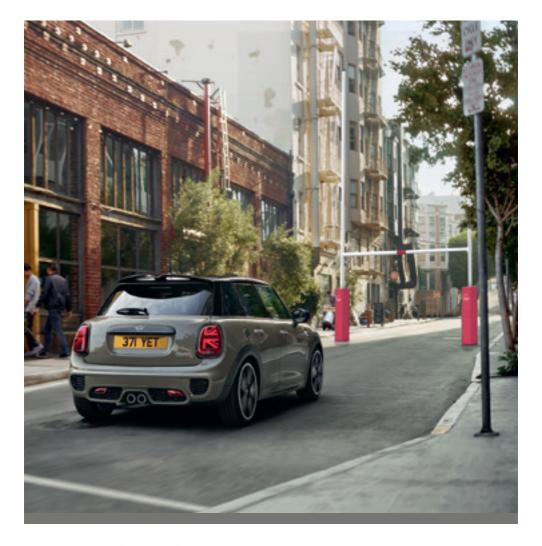
Despite all the pressure, however, the Blues were unable to convert any of the chances as unforced errors crept into their game from snatching at opportunities.

Brunel attempted to reinvigorate their side by turning to their substitutes bench who then punished the Blues for their inaccuracy and mistakes as they chased the game.

Brunel scored three tries in the last 20 minutes to put the game out of sight from Stortford who were resilient and fought up until the last whistle but ultimately were second best on the day.

A shoutout must go to Sean Edwards' cameo appearance, coming out of retirement and featuring for a Stortford side for the first time in 3 years.

Alex Gilham



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Now in its sixth season, **Club Stortford** was set up by a small working party to support the 1st XV squad after promotion to National League Rugby in 2013/14. Our aim is "to ensure Bishop's Stortford RFC has a sustainable future in National League Rugby and continues to nurture home grown talent."

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



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
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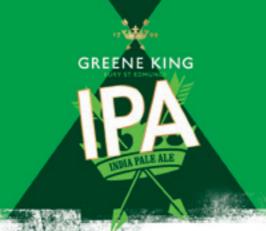
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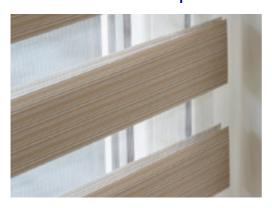






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ON THIS DAY - DECEMBER



In December 1962 Christmas came early for the rugby players with a 43-0 win against Maldon, when BSRFC 'ran riot', scoring thirteen tries, only two of which were converted. Thereafter, the season was severely disrupted by a prolonged spell of bad weather and all eight fixtures between 29th December 1962 and 2nd March 1963 were cancelled.

December 1966 also brought record scores. Against Saffron Walden, the 1st XV won 28-0 away and on the same day the 'A' side put 81 points past Saffron Walden 'A' side at home, an all-time record for the Club and, no doubt, enthusiastic celebrations in the clubhouse.

Season 1973/74 was excellent for the 'A' side, captained by Bob Gould. There were big wins over Bury St Edmunds 40- 3, Hitchin 50-10, and Barnet 46-0 before beating Welwyn 'A' by 28-3 in December to take their total points in the first half of the season past 500. Many players figured on the score sheets that season

with Askam, Beardwood, Cook, Gorman, Gray, Hey, Kerr, Kimber, Kirkness, Linton, Piper, Powell, and Ross all scoring heavily.

Early in December 2003. a win over Old Albanians by the 3rd XV in the Super Premiere Greene King Merit League was their fourth game in a row in which they did not concede a try. 'Veteran' Micky Coleman (as reported in the Herts and Essex Observer not the words of this author!) added three conversions.

It was fitting that the Club's first season in National 1 opened at Silver Leys against Caldy who had also been promoted to the third tier of English rugby for the first time as Champions of National 2 North, Like Stortford, Caldy is very much a community club with the same "OneClub" ethos at the core of its values. After five minutes play. George Cullen opened the team's account in National 1 with a penalty goal. He went on to score two further penalties, five conversions and a try. The other tries were scored by Matt Tomlinson, Matt Riddington, Will Roberts (who secured the bonus point with the fourth try), Tom Banks and Jon George. What a start! Caldy finished 11th to our 8th in that first season at Level 3 but they were relegated at the end of the 2017-18 season.

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