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From the President

By Len Lindop



It has been a pleasure to attend and speak at the first three matches and lunches. All of you have been sympathetic to me as the new President whilst I settle into this unaccustomed role. It has been helped with excellent performances by the two senior sides with only a narrow loss to Cambridge stopping the unbeaten run but still gaining us two bonus points. Last week the 1st XV came from 15 points behind after 15 minutes to win a close fought game when Dan Cole kicked a penalty from 49 yards with two minutes to go.

We welcome Rams to Silver Leys today after two successful seasons in National One. Last year they finished sixth with 90 points and 4th in the previous season with 84 points. They had a narrow win here at Silver Leys 21 -19 last season, in February they had a more convincing win, 17-5 at home. Although they were only three places above us in the league, the gap was a convincing 28 points. We trust that after our win at Darlington, after four previous defeats at their stadium, we can break the run against Rams. It will be a challenging task with Rams unbeaten this season, with maximum bonus points, as well.

The Blues today will play their fourth home game against Rams, having scored over 170 points in their previous three games.

We would like to thank Richard Worboys of Spencer Fellows for the sponsorship of the Man of the Match this week and Kayleigh Pimblett of NFU Mutual who both have tables at the lunch.

The Oval Club, chaired by Robbie Kerr, have one of their sponsored matches today and we must thank them for their support of the club, something they have done for many years. This occasion will allow me on behalf of the Club, to thank them for the cheque of £50,000 cheque they presented to us towards our Changing Room project fund.

We are equally delighted to receive a cheque from one of our former Colts Groups led by Steve Marriott, for £1,373.66 as they moved to Senior Rugby and emptied their bank account, donating it to our building fund.

Lastly but not least, I would like to welcome four individuals from the Injured Players Fund, Tom Horey, (Hertford), John Oakden (Sedbergh school), Nick Cave (Letchworth) and Jamie Hughes (Watton), along with their carers and the Chair of the Fund, John Burgess. Alongside them, on the two tables, we have Colin Haslam who has arranged their attendance today. I also wish to make a special mention and warm welcome to Doris Clarke, widow of Bev. Bev was a long-time player, Chairman and President of our club.





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Head Coaches

Marcus Cattell & Tom Coleman



Good afternoon and welcome to Silver Leys for what promises to be another fierce encounter and great advert for National One rugby.

Following the disappointment of our home defeat at the hands of Cambridge, the team showed enormous character last weekend to fight back and claim our first ever win away at Darlington Mowden Park. We've been on the receiving end of a few late heartbreaks in that stadium so it was nice to finally turn the tables and come away with a well-deserved five points.

Today's encounter will be a completely different challenge, played out between two teams with very contrasting styles. We've got to know Rams very well over the last few years and it's a fixture that is always closely contested. We've challenged the players to find a better level of consistency this season and today will give us a good marker of where we are at so far.

We've also been delighted with the blues start to the season, notching three resounding victories in a row with the most recent coming against Henley. Competition for places is rife throughout the squad and the players are creating a great atmosphere during training sessions which is extremely positive for us as coaches. Keeping everyone happy is difficult when so many players are putting their best foot forward, but we've been very pleased with application of the players and it's nice to have positive results to back that up.

Lastly, thank you to all of our excellent sponsors and supporters for your continued support - especially those who hit the road to Darlington last weekend.

We hope you enjoy the game and 'come on you Blues.'

Marcus & Tom

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Rugby requires resilience. It is a game of highs and lows, of winning and losing. It is a game that can be very physical, and players need to be able to handle the knocks they will inevitably take. But it is also a game that requires mental toughness. Players need to be able to deal with the disappointment of losing, and they need to have the belief that they can come back from behind and win.

Last weekend we saw how resilient our 1st XV can be. The heartbreak against Cambridge looked as if it was going to linger on as we conceded 17 unanswered points at DMP. But our resilience, our belief and the trusty right foot of Coley saw us win on the road for the first time since March.

As much as recognition must be given to the team, I'd like to focus on our fly-half for a moment. Coley is a prime example of how a player can bounce back from disappointment. By his own admission he had a nightmare at DMP last season. During a Thursday session I asked him how he was feeling about kicking at DMP again. His response was simple "It's time to lay those ghosts to rest!" His positive mindset and belief in his own ability meant that when the chance came, there was only going to be one outcome.

Resilience is important not just for rugby players, but for anyone who wants to achieve something in life. Setbacks are inevitable; it is how you deal with them that counts. If you let them get you down, then you will never reach your potential. But if you pick yourself up and keep going, then you stand a chance of achieving your goals.

So how do you develop resilience? Here are some suggestions:

Set yourselves small goals and celebrate each one you reach. This will help you to stay motivated, and it will show you that you can achieve your bigger goals.

Talk to someone who understands what you're going through. This could be a friend, family or coach. Talking about your problems can help you to deal with them better.

Think about things that make you happy. This could be spending time with friends, going for a run, listening to music, or anything else that works. Focusing on the positive things in life can help you to stay positive when things are tough.

Developing resilience is not easy, but it is worth the effort. When you have resilience, you can face any challenge that comes your way. Never give up, no matter how tough things get. Work on developing this essential quality, and become unstoppable!

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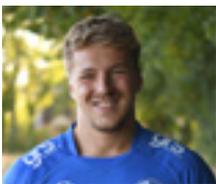


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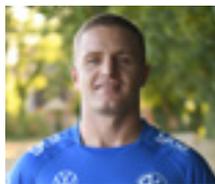


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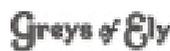
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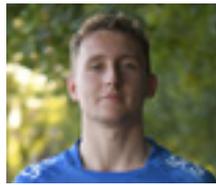


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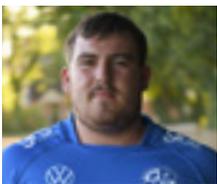
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Home games were played initially at two locations in Reading and nearby Caversham until a more permanent home was found at Emmer Green in 1927.

In 1948 Reading Borough Council purchased the Emmer Green ground for development and the switch was made to their present home at Old Bath Road in the village of Sonning to the east of Reading.

With a lack of former pupils joining from Reading School, it became difficult to field three XV's and the club became open in 1968. The following year "Old" was dropped from the title.

The nickname "Rams" was adopted to reflect the club's connection with Reading, the animal featuring in the town's coat of arms.

The club won promotion into National 2 South in 2015, our first encounter with them on 12th December that year resulted in a 27-15 away win to us. In the return fixture in 2016 we won very convincingly 53-5.

The following season (2016/2017) in our promotion to Division 1 season, we also won both games but in both instances by small margins. The scores were 25-24 at Old Bath Road in December and 36-33 at home in the April. Rams finished the season 6th in National 2 South.

In the 2017/2018 season Rams finished third, in 2018 /2019 they were the runaway champions of National 2 South amassing a hugely impressive 139 points and losing only twice all season.

In May 2018 the club formally changed its name to Rams RFC.

We played them again in the curtailed season of 2019/2020 after their promotion to National 1. Rams won 35-31 at home and we won 21-11 on our home turf. Rams were in third place when the season finished early due to Covid.

Last season we lost both games against Rams with a narrow home 19-21 home defeat and Rams winning 17-5 at their place. Rams finished sixth in the league after a promising early start to the season.

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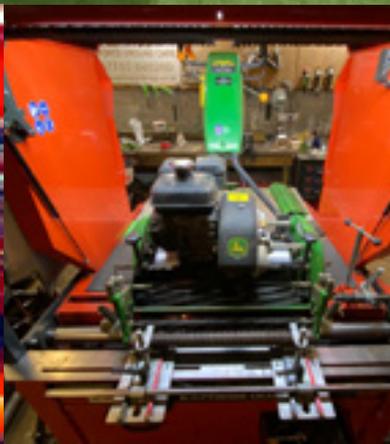
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Blues v Henley

Benji Furrer



The Blues were looking to make it three from three this week at the Silver Leys as they hosted Henley. Once again, the Blues started fast and put the pressure onto the Visitors, but unfortunately a lack of discipline early into the game saw Henley take an early three-point league. The Blues quickly bounced back keeping the ball alive, allowing Parry to score in the corner and a few minutes later Scants ghosting through the Henley defensive line to score under the posts. A Walker conversion meant the Blues took a 12-3 lead.

The Blues contained to apply pressure to Henley, with the forwards dominating the scrums and the backs playing expansive running rugby. The pressure continued to build onto Henley with a succession of Blues penalties lead to the first yellow card of the game going to Henley's winger. The penalties allowed Powell to kick into the corner meaning the forwards could set up a fantastic driving maul which was finished off by a Harrison-Price pick and go. Another Walker conversion meant that the Blues extended their lead to 19-3. The forwards continued to run the game with big defensive sets to keep Henley out of the home sides half. Their efforts were rewarded as a scrum on the Henley five-meter line saw Tierney score off the back of the scrum to take the score to 26-3 along with Walkers conversion.

Penalties continued to pile down on Henley giving the Blues lots of front foot ball to play their fast fear free style of rugby. The Henley poor discipline became costly as the visitor's winger received his second yellow of the game meaning they were down to fourteen men for the next sixty minutes. The Blues exploited the extra man using the width allowing Scants to run over the line for his second try of the game. Taking the score to 33-3 as Walker slotted the conversion.

The first half was finished by an end to end try which involved some slick hands and fast feet from Charter and Tierney which put Bolts away to run it in from the Blues half finishing the first half with a 40-3 lead.

The second half was started by a fantastic kick chase from the Blues and a poor exit by Henley giving Stortford the upper hand via a scum in the visitor's twenty-two. This allowed the backs to move the ball and Furrer to open the scoring in the second half (45-3). Henley didn't surrender and continued to fight as they efforts were reward with a try to take the score to 45-8. This, however, didn't phase the Blues as they replied with another end to end try involving some quick feet from Furrer to get the home side out of their own twenty-two before Garwood made the break giving back to Furrer who offloaded it out to Tierney putting him in open space to run in and make the score 50-8.

Tries kept on coming for the Blues as a bullet passes from Powell allowed Radley to get on the score sheet and Walker to kick another conversion. But once again Henley kept fighting and a series of penalties against the Blues saw Henley score their second try of the game and make the score 57-13.

Henley then received another yellow card after a dangerous tackle by their prop. The camera audio was able to pick up the commentary that followed the tackle – "Oh My Days... What is he Sergio Ramos? Great challenge mate!". Once again, the Blues made use if their now two-man advantage to keep the ball alive and use the wide channels to send Radley over the line for his second try of the game which took the score line to 62-13.

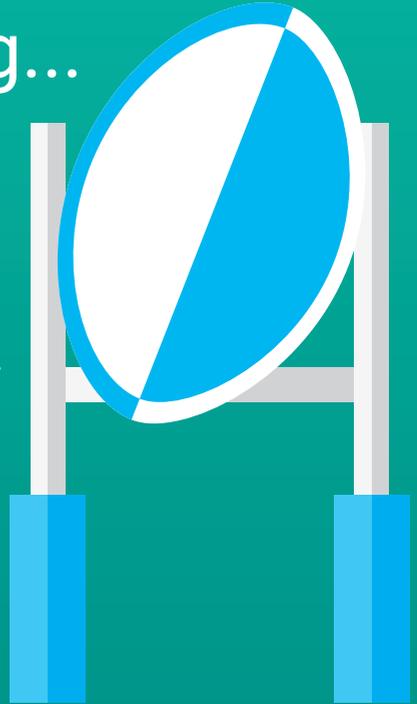
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Results from 17th September

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Cambridge	39 - 14	Taunton Titans
Darlington Mowden Park	24 - 25	Bishop's Stortford
Leeds Tykes	12 - 24	Cinderford
Plymouth Albion	24 - 27	Sale FC
Rams	59 - 26	Hull

Season 2022/2023 National 1

Fixtures for 24 September

HOME TEAM	vs	AWAY TEAM
Bishop's Stortford	vs	Rams
Chinnor	vs	Birmingham Moseley
Cinderford	vs	Plymouth Albion
Darlington Mowden Park	vs	Cambridge
Esher	vs	Leeds Tykes
Hull	vs	Rosslyn Park
Sale FC	vs	Taunton Titans

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Rams	3	3	0	0	143	77	66	3	0	15	0
Rosslyn Park	3	3	0	0	120	67	53	3	0	15	0
Cambridge	3	3	0	0	109	72	37	3	0	15	0
Bishop's Stortford	3	2	0	1	99	80	19	3	1	12	0
Darlington Mowden Park	3	2	0	1	76	63	13	2	1	11	0
Cinderford	3	2	0	1	87	83	4	3	0	11	0
Plymouth Albion	3	1	0	2	85	87	-2	3	2	9	0
Taunton	3	1	0	2	68	96	-28	1	1	6	0
Birmingham Moseley	3	1	0	2	73	93	-20	1	0	5	0
Esher	3	0	0	3	72	105	-33	2	1	3	0
Hull	3	0	0	3	68	132	-64	1	1	2	0
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The Teams



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BLUE AND WHITE

- 1 Will Roberts*
- 2 Ryan Jackson
- 3 Tom McCrone*
- 4 James Thacker*
- 5 James Apperley*
- 6 Jacob Wrafter
- 7 Ollie Jones*
- 8 Will Rogers
- 9 Connor Lloyd
- 10 Dan Cole
- 11 Joss Linney*
- 12 Jack Scantlebury*
- 13 James Ayrton(c)*
- 14 Josh Stannard
- 15 Charlie Parkhouse

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 Craig Wright
- 17 Matt Meek
- 18 Harry Langworthy
- 19 Jake Morris
- 20 Tom Banks*

*Homegrown player

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The Teams

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RED AND BLUE

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	James Baker	3
	Ollie Taylor	4
	Connor Stapley	5
	Josh Collis	6
	Vince Everitt	7
	Robbie Stapley(c)	8
	Ollie Cole	9
	Alex Seers	10
	Axel Kalling-Smith	11
	Drew Humberstone	12
	Connor Hayhow	13
	Jak Rossiter	14
	Charlie Robson	15
	REPLACEMENTS	
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Colts Update

By Dave Macfie



The Colts are now fully underway and we have a packed season of competition ahead. Unlike last season we don't have Covid restrictions looming over us so we have been able to get a good pre-season preparation in, which we hope will stand us in good stead for the forthcoming games. Competition for places is as high again this year with a large number of last season's u17's group remaining and we also welcome in Matt Woodford and last season u16's squad. Matt has settled in well amongst the coaching group and has been invaluable bringing the lads through into the Colts team.

With the numbers of colts signed on numbering over 50 the coaching group are comfortable in the knowledge we can run the two teams like we did last year. It will be tough trying to better the achievements of last season's group, but it is a challenge we as a group are all relishing to take on. We now have a reputation within the county and the league as a strong group, so we really will have to rise to the challenge and perform to our best where and when required.

Our first major hurdle will be tomorrow, the 25th of September, when Colchester come to Silver Leys for the first round of the national cup. Having being bundled out by Cambridge in the third-round last season, we are really looking to put our marker down of our intent to be as hard to beat as possible, especially at home. If we can finally play to our potential and execute a lot of what we have been training we should have a really good game!

On a slightly different note, it has been very pleasing to see quite a number of last year's Colts being used in

the senior squads' preseason games. It has been to the credit of Tom and Marcus and the senior coaching team that they have been able to blend those boys into the games. I think the boys have had their eyes opened to just what is required to play and compete at Nat 1 level. Competition for places is very strong but they're quite a determined and ambitious group of young men, so it will be a great watch seeing how they mount their challenges over the next few years! Having talked to a few of them I think they were almost to a man surprised with just how high the jump between colts and senior rugby is in all round skill as well as speed and fitness levels that are demanded by the coaches and S+C team. It is especially for me, pleasing to see that the lure of playing first team rugby still burns bright and we can continue the converter belt of players for the senior teams and all teams through the club!!

Now back to lunch and hopefully a win for the 1st XV!!

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In the spotlight

Tom McCrone. Sponsored by HD Print



It is now quite a number of years since Andy Long asked Tom McCrone at the end of 2014 to come down from Newcastle University to help out at prop for Stortford. Tom had played successfully at prop for the club at U17 and Colts before leaving for university. Last season Tom can be considered to have achieved veteran prop status being selected for the starting side at tighthead prop nearly all of Stortford's games. This consistency of selection and whole hearted performances resulted in the recognition for Tom of being selected supporters' player of the season.



It is fair to say if there was online betting during the match for Stortford home games then Tom would be on very short odds to get a yellow

card during the game but on much longer odds to score a try. However, last season Tom was not yellow carded once which also reflects his progression to veteran player status. In the old rugby days front row bragging rights were measured by "strikes against the head" at scrums, the modern game's front row bragging rights are now about collapsing and buckling the opposing side's scrums. This depends very much on a judgement call by the referee, now being a veteran prop Tom has earned the licence to make sure the referee is aware of the arbitrary nature of some of his decisions. This could be a task that Tom perhaps relishes too much but he takes his scrummaging role at prop very seriously and rightly feels strongly his efforts should not be undermined by dodgy refereeing. It is unlikely that there will be TMO (TV Match Official) assistance for referees on scrums in the near future in Stortford games, until then I am sure the league referees will continue to appreciate Tom's helpful feedback.

Looking back over the records of games in the second half of the promotion season of 2016/2017 Longy, who knew a thing or two of front row play, selected four props for nearly all the games in the leadup to promotion. The four, by rotation during the game, provided Stortford with a very strong front row foundation in gaining promotion. Those four props were Will Roberts, Seb Brownhill, Sean Edwards and Tom McCrone which could perhaps have been described as the Stortford "boy band" of props. In the group that season Will was the hyperactive lead singer, Seb the serious bass guitarist, Sean the more mature drummer and Tom obviously the "wild ginger" lead guitarist!

Those boy band days are now in the past, Tom has over four seasons of experience in National Division 1 rugby. Tom is sponsored by **HD Print** who can be surely considered to know as much on printing rugby programmes as Tom does about playing in a rugby front row.



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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



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.

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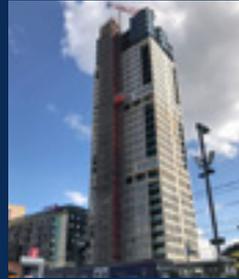
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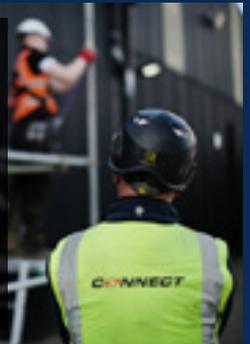


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Fortnightly collections in bin?

East Herts Council is bidding to reduce costs by emptying black bins once every three weeks

East Herts Council is set to cut rubbish collections to once every three weeks in a bid to save money – and the plan is set to be discussed at a meeting on Tuesday evening (Sept 20) its overview and scrutiny committee was set up to discuss working party recommendations to revolutionise the authority's refuse policy.

Over three years from 2024-25 the council needs to find £5.66m savings – and waste is its single biggest expenditure.

A report by Bishop's Stortford's Cllr Graham McAndrew, the council's executive member for environmental sustainability, says: "This comes at a time when we are experiencing inflationary pressures significantly above projections in the case of

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the waste contract, over double the budgeted figure for 2022-23. Any proposals to reduce services or generate income will not provide savings on the contract budget but mitigate the financial pressures. It is anticipated that cost pressures could be in excess of £1.5m."

East Herts wants to negotiate a new eight-year waste contract in partnership with North Herts Council which will harmonise both districts' collections.

The current contract covers the collection of waste and recycling from approximately 24,000 households and 1,920 commercial customers as well as street cleaning services across both districts.

The recommendations are that "residual waste" – the contents of black bins – are collected once every three fortnightly services and that all new 2nd replacement bins will be reduced in size from 240 litres capacity to 180 litres.

At the same time, the authorities want to roll out 25-litre food waste caddies to properties.

The recommendation follows data showing black bins in East Herts contain 29.9% food waste. The United Nations' Programme estimates that 8%–10% of greenhouse gas emissions are from food which is wasted. A public consultation earlier this year indicated 69% of respondents in East

Herts said they were likely or quite likely to use the weekly food waste service.

The councils are also set to introduce mixed recycling from 2023.

Other recommendations under consideration include ending the provision of fruit and paper baskets across the district and ending parish litter-picking grants.

A new colour coding for bins has also been proposed. Both authorities spent a total of £77,000 on new bins and bin replacements in 2021-22. According to the report to the committee, the current global shortage of plastic polymers and the continued impacts of Brexit and the pandemic have significantly increased the cost and availability of bins.

To ensure greater resilience in stock levels and reduce storage space, the proposal is for all litter bin replacements to have the standard 'grey/black' body with a coloured lid to depict the material type.

It is recommended that replacement recycling residual waste bins have a blue lid.

Replacement purple and garden waste bins have been shown with an estimated annual saving of £3,000.

Last year the council introduced charging for garden waste collection with a £50 annual tariff for the first 100kg of garden waste previously free service.

Cllr Graham McAndrew



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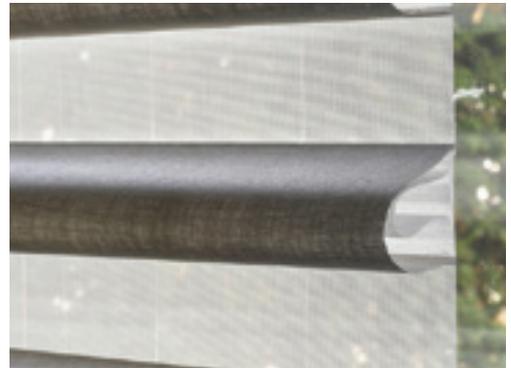
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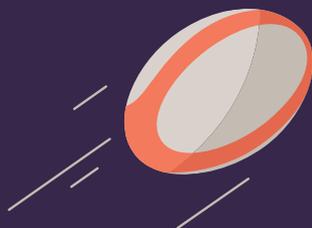


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Around The Club

Richard Evans



Lisa Richards

Stortford's league position in National 1 has always been around mid-table in their five years in the league but if there was a league in pre-match lunches Stortford would be pushing strongly for promotion. It is generally accepted in the league that Stortford do a "very good lunch" and since Lisa Richards took over last season after Covid cancelled 2020/2021 season, the club's pre-lunch reputation has been built up further.

There is a lot of preparation work to be carried out for each home match lunch, especially if you are having to prepare and serve lunch in a tent. Lisa will be the first to admit it is a team effort but as "the director of lunches" she plays a key co-ordination role. Just like a rugby coach has to select the side and decide the tactics for the opposition, Lisa has to select the menus, the number of staff and respond to the different demands of each home match lunch. The numbers attending will vary with the opposition being played, together with the level of sponsorship attendance involvement at the lunch.

In the same way Stortford pride themselves in their youth policy and bringing players through from the junior sides, Lisa has built on a winning pre-match lunch formula that has been long established at the club. Lisa has come up with some new more exotic starters, some excellent new main course dishes, our traditional cheese and biscuits has remained. In the true Stortford volunteer spirit of everyone getting involved "serving" the main course using the diners at the table continues to work well. Some of the older club members

will also stack their starter plates and cutlery to assist the young waiting staff.

In the same way that Stortford are finding new players from local clubs to augment home grown talent, when Marcus met Lisa in by chance he suggested to her that she should consider moving "up the leagues" from Upper Clapton to face the challenge of "big time" lunches at Stortford. Lisa did not have to make any trial lunches "to get in the side" at Stortford however, as you would expect she still had to face a rigorous interview process to be accepted for such a key role within the club, Lisa passed with flying colours.

On home match days you can see lunches are going well by the relaxed look on Rob Walker's face. Lisa, like a good half back controlling play, always looks cool and organised on the outside, with her experience and preparation work she has the capacity to control any "surprises" during the lunch.

The club continues to establish itself on the playing side in Division 1 based on its strong club philosophy, it is fair to say that by building on the earlier pre-match lunch set-up, the improvements from Lisa have instigated a promotion to the Lunch Championship.





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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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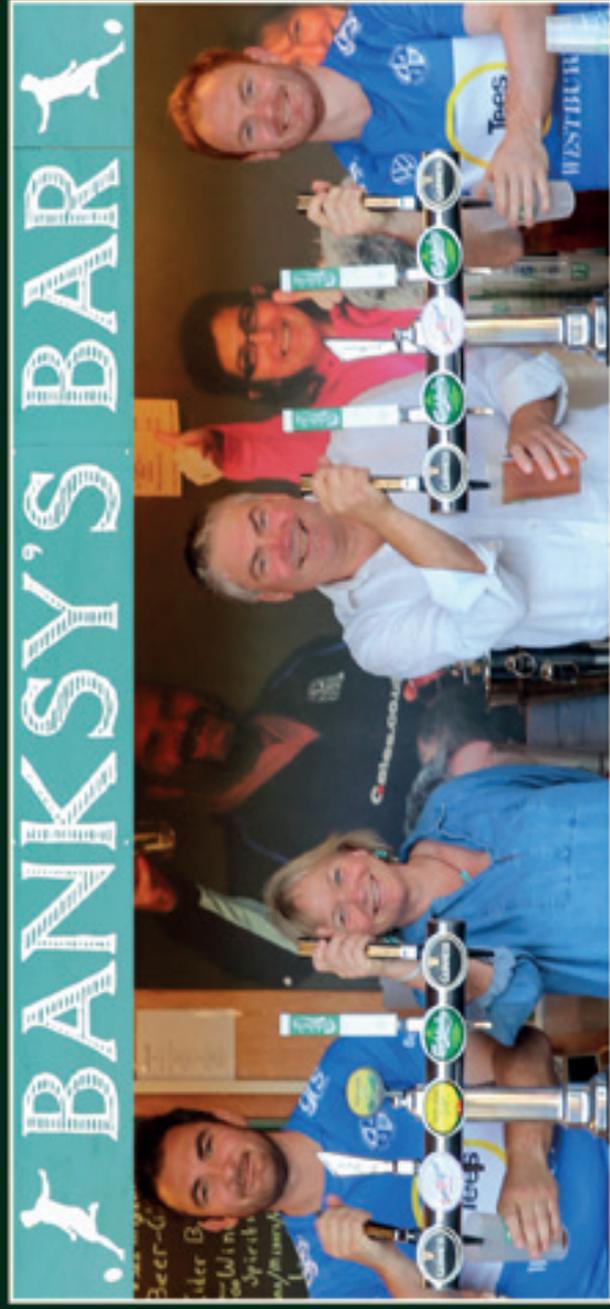
Darlington got off to a flying start, taking full advantage of what seemed to be a harsh penalty for holding on at a tackle to put the ball through the hands from the resultant attacking lineout, creating room for No 8 Joe Craggs to crash over for an unconverted try after 4 minutes. Stortford threatened from the restart but could not break down a stubborn DMP defence and found themselves 10 points down with 12 minutes on the clock, after powerful winger, Morgan Passman shrugged off three attempted tackles to touch down out wide. Worse was to come for the visitors with DMP No. 6, Yaree Fantini breaking away from a lineout some 40 metres out to dodge his way over for a solo try, with barely a hand laid on him. The conversion attempt went wide, but a 17 point deficit looked ominous for Stortford. Showing considerable character, though, they fought their way slowly back into the game and were unlucky not to score from a period of pressure on the home line. Eventually, though it was a great break from deep by Charlie Parkhouse, running back a DMP kick that set up crucial position and quick hands led to Austin Pope being tackled just short. A penalty was given at the breakdown, bringing a yellow card for Callum Mackenzie. Stortford opted for two penalty scrums in a row and Jacob Wrafter crashed over for an unconverted try from the second, with 4 minutes of the half left. From the restart a good run by Jake Morris put the visitors back on the attack and a high tackle produced a penalty, which went to touch and the resultant driving maul saw Alex Rayment touch down. An excellent conversion from Dan Cole sent his side in for the break a mere 5 points behind.

Stortford started the second half with renewed confidence and looked to have created a try up the middle with some slick handling, only for play to be called back for some off the ball incident and a penalty to DMP. Undaunted,

though, the visitors were soon back on the front foot and Joss Linney levelled the scores with an unconverted try, going blind from a the back of a driving maul 5 metres out with only 5 minutes of the half gone. After 19 minutes it looked as if Wrafter had snatched the lead for Stortford, but the assistant ref disallowed it for a contentious knock-on. Almost immediately afterwards, DMP was again reduced to 14 men, when backrow Dave Fisher was red-carded for a dangerous clear-out and the visitors took full advantage 4 minutes later, when Linney ran in his second unconverted try. This came from good lineout ball spread swiftly to the right, where an excellent long miss-pass from Cole allowed James Thacker to commit the last defender and put the winger clear. The home side finally worked their way back into the game and, two penalties led to two 5 metre lineouts, from which, despite some stout Stortford defence, they were finally able to force their way over for a try to Liam Checksfield. Replacement flyhalf, Matt Minogue nailed a great conversion to take his team 2 points ahead. Stortford threw themselves back onto the attack and a couple of mistakes in midfield by the home side led to a penalty just inside the DMP half. Up stepped Cole to call for the kicking tee and the ball sailed yards over the posts for a fantastic goal, taking the visitors into a one point lead. With only 2 or 3 minutes to go, there were more than a few nervous tics among the numerous travelling supporters, as Stortford ran through several phases of one-out rugby on their own 22, but a breakdown penalty was won, triggering great celebrations, as the touch kick brought the final whistle.

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