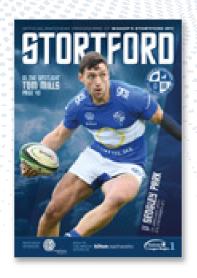




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FROM THE PRESIDENT: ALJONES

Welcome back everyone. With our match against Moseley postponed due to frozen pitches, it is now 7 weeks since we last had a

1st XV home game.

I'd like to thank all those who attended the pre 'lack-of-match' lunch a couple of weeks ago when the Moseley game was called off. To have 150 people in the Hilton Marquee without a match to watch afterwards was quite incredible and your support of the Club is greatly appreciated.

The Moseley postponement means we have had 3 successive games on the road. Having narrowly lost our final two matches of 2024 at Dings and Blackheath, we lost another close one against Plymouth last Saturday, but taking bonus points in all 3 games has in striking distance of the top half of the table.

We are defending a two match home winning streak after victory against DMP and Sale and today we look to extend that record against a Sedgley Park Tigers side who sit a place below us in the table.

We went to Sedgley Park in October, again on the back of 3 successive defeats, but came away with 5 points after a strong all-round performance in tough conditions.

Last season, Tigers beat us at Silver Leys in our first ever meeting, but we then won the return fixture. This season, Tigers have had some mixed results, but their home win over Rosslyn Park in December really stands out as a high point and we will have to be at our best today.

Today's Match Day sponsors are Mortgage & Money Management who are the main sponsor of our Mitres squad, and our Man of the Match sponsors are Hilton Group, who, among other things, sponsor our Marquee.

We are also joined again by the ever-present Ace of Lanes & Three Willows and the almost ever-present Nockolds.

As ever, we are immensely grateful for the ongoing support of all of our sponsors.

And for the second time this season, we are joined by the Oval Club who have 5 tables at lunch today. The Oval Club have supported the Club for over 25 years raising funds with their aim to promote the highest possible standard of Rugby throughout BSRFC. Thank you again Lady and Gentlemen! (I'll get in trouble if I forget Gemma!)

Finally, I wanted to say well done to our Women's team, who won away at Braintree in a top of the table clash last Sunday, 10-24. They are unbeaten and top their league with a game in hand.

Next week, the 1st XV, Blues, Mitres, Abbotts & Women's teams have a week off, and the Chindits are away at Datchworth but it is the first weekend of the 6 Nations so, if you're not travelling to Dublin, Paris, or in my case Murrayfield, do come to the Club and watch the matches here. In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy your afternoon at Silver Leys today.

And Happy Burns Night!





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TOM COLEMAN: HEAD COACH

It seems like an eternity since we last graced the hallowed turf at Silver Ley's - a big win against Sale FC. Having the first game of the new year

to Birmingham Moseley postponed because of the weather was a big disappointment, but what a fantastic turn out for the lunch anyway and it was amazing to see the clubhouse so full into the night, even when there was no rugby.

Reflecting on our trip to Plymouth last weekend, I mentioned earlier in the week how proud I was of the players effort throughout that game, and I stand by that today. It can be an energy sapping experience playing at Plymouth; however, I thought our first half performance was excellent (barring a couple of mistakes) and we were comfortably the better team. Unfortunately, during the second half the crowd got up and made lots of noise and the officials were put under a lot of pressure to make tough decisions. You need these decisions to go your way down there so you can relieve the pressure, however two yellow cards and red gave us too much to do.

I'm convinced we are making big strides forward and good times aren't far away. I haven't once seen the enthusiasm or determination drop from the players and I'm positive you will see that again today.

Sedgley Park are a tough team to play against and we have the utmost respect for them. We played well against them away earlier in the season and got a really good victory, but we know that counts for nothing today and we'll need a very big 80 minutes.

I would also like to reserve a special mention to Sedgley's skipper Matt Riley who played in his 450th game last week for the club. sure, is an incredible achievement in today's game and something I'm sure he's very proud of.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support, especially to the small contingent who travelled to Plymouth last weekend. Let's hear you all today push the boys on and be our extra man.

Enjoy the game.

Tom

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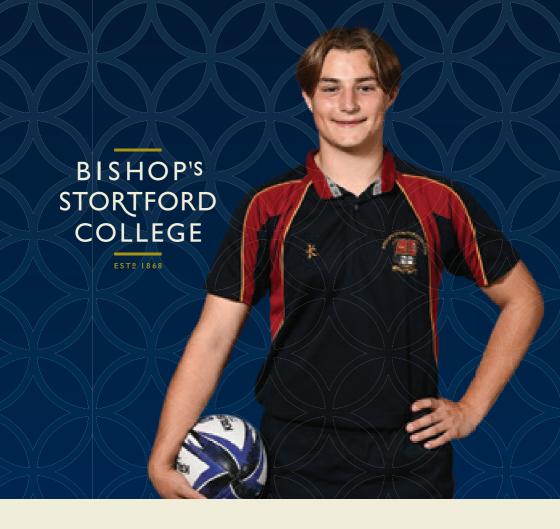


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family lost our friend and teammate **Max Oliver**, again to a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, at just 31 years of age.



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In agreement with the family, I decided to join with them and have the Memorial Fund for Max with Cardiac Risk in the Young as my President's Charity for 2024-25.

Within 2 months, £41,000 has been raised in Max's memory. If we can achieve £70,000, this would be sufficient to fund cardiac screening for 1000 young people. We hope that a number of the screenings would take place here at Silver Leys and as many of our young members as possible can benefit from the screening.

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Al Jones



YOUTH CHRIS LONGMAN

Under 14s The season so far...

As we embarked on our second season in the youth

section the under 14s had a good pre-season with upwards of 40 boys training twice a week to the end of August.

The biggest change from last year is now the majority of rugby in the first term is now played on a Saturday instead of a Wednesday which does cause issues with injuries and late changes to sides. This combined with the boys being more physical definitely tested the depth of the squad to ensure getting two sides out every Sunday was possible.

Our early season form saw good wins against Old Grammarians, London Welsh and Hertford but as injuries took their toll, we saw a complete reversal against OGs from a 42-7 win to a 35-0 loss with the local A&E being tested!

What is pleasing to see is that we have never moved away from our expensive game plan and it is just sometimes the sheer size difference between a fully mature young man and the immature smaller boy wins out. I am sure this will all level out in the next couple of years.

As we entered into November and December the volume of rugby that some of the boys were playing started to take its toll and our last games against Upminster saw both sides either lose or draw games we should be easily winning.

The arrival of storm Darragh and the Christmas break and subsequent freezing temperatures meant that the A-Team went without match for nearly six weeks. The B team were lucky enough to play in the microclimate of Maldon and a very close game until Maldon put on a manchild turning the game in their favour. The following week in sub-zero temperatures at Cheshunt on the all-weather pitch they managed to have another run out playing good rugby but fell short in the end. This weekend just gone the A team returned to HML fixtures away at Ruislip and narrowly lost 12 -5 in a game which I am sure had we not been rusty we would have prevailed.

We welcome Brighton and Hove this Sunday who are making the journey from the South Coast and are bringing two teams which provides the boys with a new opposition. We then embark on our first Herts Cup games which will be great giving us the opportunity to finally look to win a competition.

Both teams have a congested fixture schedule to the end of the season culminating in a tour to Harrogate partaking in a rugby festival and the first tour without parents just coaches!

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Under 14 Team Manager





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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Sedgley Park Rugby Union Football Club, the 1st XV team of which plays under the name of Sedgley Tigers, is a rugby union club based

in Whitefield, in the Metropolitan Borough of Bury, Greater Manchester. Sedgley Park is a district of Prestwich approximately two miles north of Manchester city centre. In 1932 at a public meeting in a Temperance bar, the club was founded. The very first ground was a farmer's field in Whitefield (the club has never been based in Sedgley Park). Despite primitive conditions - cowshed for changing, farmyard pump for washing - the new club thrived.

A clubhouse had already been built and three regular teams were being fielded before World War II broke out in 1939. They survived the war years and also a difficult period afterward when they lost their rented ground. For two years all games were played away, with barely enough playing members for two teams, until 1955 when they moved to their present site, Park Lane in Whitefield, with an immediate and spectacular improvement in playing standards. During the next twenty years Sedgley Park became a successful and respected junior club but, in the years before league rugby, advancement was practically impossible, especially for a club notorious for its muddy pitches; they were often nicknamed 'Sludgley Park' by other teams!

The decision to build a large, two-story clubhouse was arguably the most significant one in their history. Building began in 1978 at a time when the club was enjoying great success on the field and was completed in time for the 1982 Golden Jubilee season; it had been a risky venture at the time, but it set them apart from all the local junior clubs.

During this time the clubhouse was extended and floodlights and terracing added to the pitch. A newly purchased field, just across the road, provided three more much needed pitches and floodlit training.

Another promotion in 2001 took them to National League Two, which was then Level 3 of the English game. The Tigers attained National League One status in 2004 (the equivalent of the Championship now), their 6th promotion since 1987, but were relegated back to level three in 2009.

The 1st XV pitch at Park Lane is now a high-quality playing surface. It is floodlit, and with the clubhouse at one end and a recently built stand to one side. The stand was constructed in 2002 and seats 320 people. The cost, which was in excess of £100,000, was funded entirely by the club without any outside assistance. This facility has proved to be a tremendous benefit in terms of attracting sponsors.

In 2012/13 they were relegated with Cambridge down into the new regionalised level four with Sedgley now playing in National League Division 2 North.

The nearest Sedgley Park have come to playing Stortford before last season was in 2017/18 when they lost to Chinnor in the National League Division 2 North and South play-off (and hence, did not make National League One status and the chance to play Stortford). Sedgley Park were National League Division 2 (North) champions in the 2022/23 season and won promotion back to National League One, so were in the third tier of English rugby again.

Last season in October was Sedgley's first game at Stortford and they won convincingly 33-45, scoring six tries.

The return game in February was won 22-14 by Stortford. which ended a run of six Stortford defeats, but Stortford had to hold out against some determined attacking by Sedgley in the second half in some typical Manchester area rain!







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BSRFC Women XV vs Braintree Vixens - Match report

The match started with a Stortford kick into the home side, but shortly after a

penalty was given to the Stortford side, where scrum half McDonald took a quick tap penalty resulting in some great ground made. Amazing fast strong hands from the backs down to Dougherty who popped the ball up perfectly into the hands of Harvey who smashed the ball over the line early doors. Swiftly converted by fly half Coppen opening the scoreboard to 0-7 to the women in blue.



Some great defensive play from the Stortford women led to a turnover and Coppen kicking for ground. Braintree picked up the kick, but with the quick thinking of fullback Creasy, this was turned over again back into the hands of the blue side!

BSRFC Women were showing what they have been practicing in training and with some amazing footwork from Dougherty, a swift pass to scrum half McDonald who showcased her speed led to the second try of the match.

The blue side spent the remainder of the first half dominating the match in the host's half and the Stortford defence wore down and Braintree slipped around the outsides scoring the last points before the Half Time whistle, leaving the score board 5-12 to BSRFC Women.

The second half started off with many scrums and lineouts to both sides. But a break for blues came by Knott who made ground running through their defence, passing the ball to Sauvary who showed off her footwork dodging



their defence. Vernon took a kick from the breakdown putting the blue side back into the Braintree 22. A crushing tackle made by Bice, but the ball was passed out wide to their winger who made it over the line scoring Braintree's second try. The Stortford side showing that they don't tire re-started with some impressive teamwork, putting set pieces into play which was shown by Coppen and Bice who secured dotting the ball over the line and Coppen following through with the conversion.

The yellow side re-started and kicked the ball straight into our hands, but Braintree conceded a penalty resulted in Coppen kicking for touch and a line out in the oppositions 22. The grit and determination was strong and the pumping of the legs stronger when Knott forced her way through the defensive line scoring the final try of the day, leaving the score board 10-24 and another win for BSRFC Women XV.

The women in blue go again this Sunday away to Witham.





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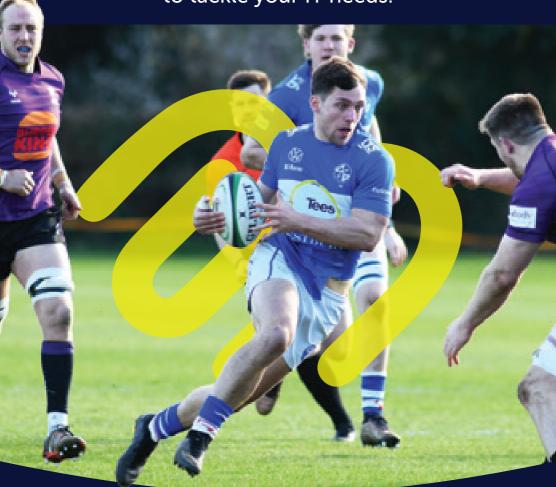






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Results from 18th January 2025

HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
Richmond	40 - 22	Esher
Blackheath	51 - 26	Birmingham Moseley
Plymouth Albion	24 - 21	Bishop's Stortford
Rams	26 - 17	Ding Crusaders
Rosslyn Park	49 - 24	Darlington Mowden Park
Rotherham	23 24	Sale FC
Sedgley park	25 - 10	Leicester Lions

Fixtures for 25th January 2025

HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
Birmingham Moseley	vs	Plymouth Albion
Bishop's Stortford	vs	Sedgley Park
Darlington Mowden Park	VS	Blackheath
Ding Crusaders	vs	Rotherham
Esher	VS	Rosslyn Park
Leicester Lions	vs	Rams
Sale FC	VS	Richmond

NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 TABLE											
Team	Р	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	TBP	LBP	Points	Adj.
Richmond	15	13	1	1	478	280	198	9	0	63	0
Rams	15	12	0	3	445	241	204	11	3	62	0
Rotherham	15	12	0	3	454	324	130	8	2	58	0
Rosslyn Park	16	11	0	5	501	377	124	10	2	56	0
Blackheath	16	10	0	6	463	370	93	8	3	51	0
Plymouth Albion	15	8	0	7	399	356	43	11	5	48	0
Birmingham Moseley	13	8	0	5	311	305	6	6	0	38	0
Dings	16	6	1	9	421	476	-55	9	1	36	0
Bishop's Stortford	15	6	0	9	366	377	-11	8	4	36	0
Sedgley Park	16	5	1	10	385	404	-19	6	4	32	0
Sale FC	14	5	0	9	276	341	-65	4	6	30	0
Leicester Lions	15	3	0	12	288	459	-171	5	4	21	0
Esher	14	3	0	11	347	555	-208	7	1	20	0
Darlington Mowden Park	15	1	1	13	291	560	-269	5	1	12	0

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MATCH REPORT: JOHN ALLANSON



Plymouth Albion 24 Bishop's Stortford First XV 21

Stortford battle hard and gain a bonus point, pushing an aggressive Plymouth side

very close, but ill-discipline and crucial misses from the kicking tee lead to ultimate frustration.

The visitors put in a strong first half, with both sides looking to run the ball and it was Stortford that scored first, with Chris Smith punishing a lazy Plymouth chase back to touch down a Dan Powell kick after 10 minutes. The conversion attempt went wide, as did a penalty 3 minutes later, after one of many offside decisions against both sides. The home side took the lead with 20 minutes gone with winger, Craig Duncan touching down following an attacking lineout from another offside penalty and Tom Putt converting. Stortford were back in front almost immediately, with Sam Johnson recovering the restart kick and Alex Gilham catching a clever Powell chip ahead on the full and dodging his way over. Tom Mills converted. The lead changed hands again, 7 minutes later, sandwiching another converted Plymouth try from hooker. Rhys Williams from a guickly tapped penalty, after Stortford's scrum came under a bit of pressure, being penalised twice in succession. Stortford fought back, though and were good

value for a 14-18 halftime lead, after Tom Mills added two penalty goals on 31 and 38 minutes.

The second half started well for the visitors, with another Mills penalty after 3 minutes, following a few phases of attacking play. That gave them a 7 point lead, but from that point on the game started to slip from their grasp, with frequent penalties conceded, their cause not being helped by the loss to injury of skipper, Will Rogers with 48 minutes gone. Stortford needed to produce some typically dogged defending, as Plymouth increased the pressure and a vellow card to Mills after 50 minutes for a deemed deliberate knock-on lead immediately to an unconverted try for Williams from a driving maul, after the penalty was kicked to touch. As the home side turned up the attacking heat even more, the penalty count against Stortford, almost inevitably rose. More great defence, however, kept their line intact until the 74th minute, despite further vellow cards to Ollie Jones after 64 minutes (side entry at a breakdown) and Mills after 73 (became a red for a second deliberate knock-on). The latter was followed immediately by a fourth Plymouth try which went unconverted, but took them into a crucial lead. Facing no more than 14 men for the last quarter of the game, the home side, almost inevitably, dominated the final stages, but were unable to break down again Stortford's hugely committed defence.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: TOM MILLS



Tom joined the club last season at the start of the new year and was one of the factors in Stortford's form improving in the second

half of the season (and eventually avoiding any relegation concerns). Tom played eleven games in 2024, all of them in the centre, bar one appearance on the wing in the away match against Leicester Lions. He scored his first try for Stortford in the away win against Taunton.

This season Tom missed the Leicester Lions opening home game but has appeared in all the other 13 Stortford games. Tom has scored five tries this season and recently kicked a splendid long-distance penalty at Blackheath. Tom has appeared mainly on the right wing but his versatility in the back line for the club has been demonstrated by two appearances in the centre and one at full back.

Tom went to school in Langley Park in Kent and comes from Bromley (and therefore hails from "South of the River"). He was picked up by Saracens from schoolboy rugby and played for both Saracens U18 Academy and the senior Saracens Academy sides. He played for Richmond in the Championship after leaving Saracens in 2021/2022 but his appearances for Richmond were curtailed by injuries. Tom then joined Stortford from Richmond in the middle of last season.



Tom is 6ft 1 inch tall and weighs over 14 stone, which means he has the physical attributes to play anywhere in the three-quarters in the modern game.

Tom was a goal kicker in his schoolboy days and improved his ability for long distance goal kicking with help from the Saracens International winger, Elliot Daly, during his time at the Saracens Academy.

Tom prefers to play in the centre because of more involvement in the game in that position but he is happy just to be selected and play anywhere in the back. Tom is very much enjoying

his rugby at Stortford and expects the club to have a good second half to the season in 2025.

Tom is sponsored by Mortgage & Money Management who have signed up this season to be a new sponsor for Stortford and are here today as our Match Day Sponsors.



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our 13th season, it's hard to believe we started as a small working party to support the squad after our promotion to National League Rugby in 2013/14. It was the brainchild of Charlie Dunsford,

Russell Cattell and others from the club. Many members have worked tirelessly both at the forefront and behind the scenes throughout the last 13 years and we want that to continue. At our recent AGM **Charlie Dunsford** and **Jamie Baker** were duly elected to take up the ongoing challenge as the New President and New Secretary.

Club Stortford works closely with the 1st XV coaching team to provide funding for expenditure beyond the resources of the main club and our Mission Statement remains a simple one;

- To ensure BSRFC continues our journey in National 1s League Rugby – this includes the 1st & Blues as one squad
- To cultivate new homegrown talent throughout the club drawing from the - minis youth - colts - development squad.

We continue to be on the hunt for new members who can help us to broaden the extent of our support for the squad. Both individual and corporate membership options are available, and come with exclusive Club Stortford ties, 2 x Club Stortford pre-match lunches, match reports after each league game and other perks like access to Six Nations and Autumn Internationals tickets. There will also be regular updates for Club Stortford Members from Tom Coleman, our new head coach. Alongside this, you'll get discounts to local restaurants like Zara. Get in touch with our secretary **Jamie Baker** on **07922 422 489** for more information or to join.

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THE OVAL CLUB



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'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 £200,000.

The Oval Club makes contributions to the Rugby Club for one off projects which are of long term value and not part of ongoing 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.

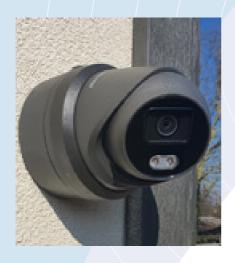
Through its contributions The Oval Club plays a considerable part in helping the Rugby Club enhance its playing related facilities for the use of all sections and members of the Club, including Senior Sides, Ladies & Girls, Colts, Youth. Mini and Touch Rugby

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

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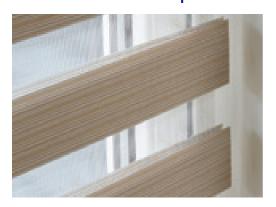
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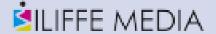
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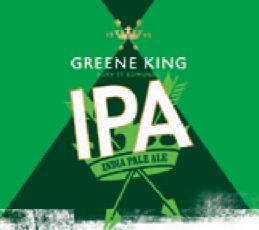












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OFF THE PITCH: NEW SPONSORS

A Few of our new sponsors for BSRFC for 2024/25 Season

Traditionally at the start of each season, the second edition of the home match

programme highlights and introduces the new player signings to the First Team for the season. This season it was the program for the Plymouth match and it highlighted eleven players. Obviously, it is important to know who the new players are but each season, there are also new local main sponsors who have signed up at the start of the new season. For 2024/25, the new sponsor "signings" were Mortgage & Money Management, JLG Construction & Development and SB Civil Engineering.

Mortgage & Money Management has its head office in Puckeridge, where its two directors Simon Muir and Tom Edwards are based. Now that Stortford has been established in RFU Division One for eight years (and is the only league rugby club in Hertfordshire in the top three layers of English League rugby), then it's a great move for a firm based in Puckeridge to be associated with rugby at Bishop's Stortford. M&M Management started sponsoring Tom Mills at the start of this season and Tom is profiled in this programme.





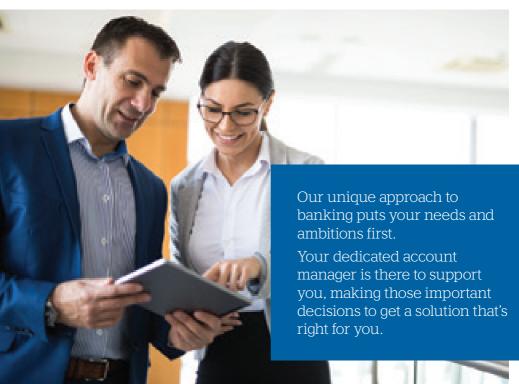
JLG Construction and Development also became a new sponsor at the start of the season and it sponsors new scrum half signing Charlie Briers. JLG is managing are number of high-quality development projects in the local area and is based in Sawbridgeworth. It's appropriate the company is sponsoring a scrum half, as scrum halves on the rugby field are known to control and manage events in the game. The main contact at JGL is Jack Bowie; JGL also sponsors the First XV sub coats, which are well appreciated by the subs at this time of the year!

SB Civil Engineering is sponsoring Toby Tierny this season, as well as the very smart First XV post-match team fleeces and hoodies. SB Civil Engineering is a contractor for a range of traditional civil engineering projects, which these days includes not only the usual civil engineering work of roads and sewers but also landscaping and drainage systems. SB Civil Engineering is again based locally in Hatfield Broad Oak. The main contact at SB Civils is Jack Bowie.

The rugby club fully appreciates the support of these three new sponsors and as the modern rugby game develops, sponsorship is no longer just names on playing kit on the field like the good old rugby days. The modern senior rugby side needs to be the provided with substitutes' outfits for the bench players and with smart postmatch player outfits. At the moment, Stortford players are not yet earning premiership player salaries but could one day qualify for mortgage and money advice from M&M Management.



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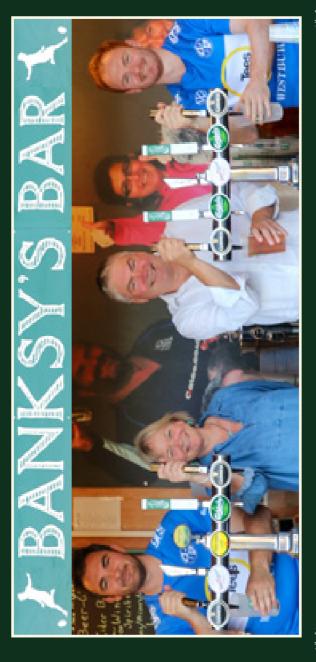








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