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In Touch

This weekend the Firsts travelled to second placed Stow-on-the-Wold, put up a creditable show but lost eventually 43-14. Tries came from Owen Jones and Jack Lines - both converted by Jack. Ludlow Brewery Man of the Match was Regan Jordan.



*Stow-on-the-Wold v Ludlow
Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett*

Meanwhile at The Linney the Seconds put on a super show, sadly witnessed by only a paltry crowd, but remarkable for the fact that this once more was a team thrown together that morning which hadn't played together and with many players out of position of necessity.

Take our hooker, Aaron Griffiths, new to the position and having never thrown a ball in before he was practicing like mad before the match started. By the end he was throwing like a pro and Ludlow were winning lineouts. Indeed, Ludlow were winning the match for some time before Stone eventually scored with ten minutes to go.

Senior rugby at Ludlow is secure judging by the amount of young talent on show and hats off to the old talent that turned out too and helped to give the youngsters some shape to their game. Darren Jukes appeared again at prop, while Jim Bob Ellis took on the mantle of fly half to get our backs going.

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Joe Wildman, Tom Millward, Charlie Wood gave us lots of energy and go forward and caused all kinds of problems for the opposition. Tries came from Kian Hassan and Elliot Carmichael and for a while it looked like we might hang on for a famous victory during the longest second half I've ever seen played but the final score was 10-17 in Stone's favour.

On the plus side the seconds game against Shrewsbury last weekend has been given to us by the league as a notional win because Shrewsbury had 6 first team players playing so we are awarded the points and they lose them. However, they have a right of appeal so that could all change.

On Saturday 23rd March it's Chairman's Day and we're expecting a big turnout for the Firsts home game against Moseley Oak while the Seconds travel to Aston Old Edwardians. Both kick off at 3pm. Some of our Minis and Juniors will also be attending again as mascots since they enjoyed the experience so much last time.

Ninety years ago – actually far less recently - a woman was not always assured of a welcome reception if she attended a rugby club. Nowadays Ludlow Rugby club wouldn't function if it wasn't for the ladies. Lynn Davies is our First Lady chairman in the club's history and Kelly Nicklin our First Lady secretary while our bookkeeper is Lisa Jarman and there are always a host of welcoming female faces behind the bar. In the kitchen Madeline Leech has presided for many years with her team of helpers. They are all busy people in their own lives but find time to help to organise the club and very grateful we all are although it wouldn't hurt for us to say so more often!

See you on Saturday,
Andy Wright

President Ludlow Rugby Club