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DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD RFC

V

Old Halesonians



SATURDAY 16th November 2019

2:15pm KO





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Welcome to a new season at DKRFC! And to the 21st Century! Online Match Day Programme.

At the start of this season we are experimenting with an Online Match Day Programme. This programme will be available on the Friday prior to a home game so you can have a read before you come down. It is also compatible with a mobile phone! You can search www.dkrugby.co.uk hit the INFO tab then Match-Day programme or use the QR Code at the top of the page, this will also be displayed around the club on match days. The web address will remain the same all season so put it into your favourites!

So why are we doing this?

Well there are a few reasons:

On a match day we see programmes left around, even before the kick-off! Online will reduce wastage.

We pay a considerable amount of money for printing, Online costs nothing but time and effort.

If details change after it has been sent to the printers, we can't change it, with online we can make changes right up to kick off. Hard copy programmes are only available on the day, online will be available on the Friday and remain online until the following home game.

However, we do understand that some people may not be able to access the online programme, so for a period of time a single A4 sheet will be available for those who want them.

Check it out:

CLICK HERE





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Ken Crane DKRFC Club President

President's Message – season 2019 - 2020

A very warm welcome to all players, coaches, supporters and visitors for another season of rugby at Dudley Kingswinforrd RFC

Since the beginning of the year the club has incorporated, which behind the scenes - has been complex but will underpin and secure the long-term security of the club. The continued development and improvement of the club's facilities and infrastructure has continued. This summer has seen a much-needed revamp and improvement to the patio & surrounding areas in front of the club house. This redevelopment is part of the on-going plan of improvement which is intended with sound and prudent management – to underpin and develop vital revenue steam's over the coming years.

Last season was another exciting experience for all DK followers, as the club reached the play-offs for a second consecutive year, narrowly losing a close game at Paviors RFC.

Understandably this new campaign is keenly anticipated by all. Director of Rugby Neil Shillingford together with coaches' Adam Blackford & Tommy Huggins have continued to develop & hone the squad. Competition for places will be tough, as younger players who have been developed from within the clubs burgeoning Youth section & successful Colts team, challenge for places.

This season sees us playing in a muchchanged league which in turns brings different challenges. Despite last season's successes, competition continues to increase and improve. This year we look forward to meeting with old friends from Whitchurch, Hereford, Stoke, Sutton Coldfield, Worcester Wanderers, Newbold & Droitwich. In addition, we have the 'spice' of local derby games against our near neighbours Stourbridge Lions & Old Halesonians – together with Kidderminster & Ludlow in a league game – for the first time. We also anticipate renewing hostilities against 'old adversaries' Lichfield & Kenilworth.

One thing is certain, we anticipate that there will be no easy games and a new season of challenging competitive rugby is eagerly awaited. As ever we promise all visitors a warm, friendly welcome & we look forward to a season full of hard fought rugby played within the true spirit of the game.

We are proud of our reputation for prematch lunches & post-match hospitality all are welcome. Above all enjoy your visit to DK.

Ken Crane – 6th September 2019





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SELECTION FROM THE GALLERY

















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"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader"

Well yet another local derby as this afternoon we host near neighbours Old Halesonians in round 10 of this seasons league programme. Let's hope the weather holds fair so we can enjoy an open running game of rugby. Old Hales have had a mixed bag of results so far and currently sit in 7th place in the table, winning 4, losing 4 and drawing 1 of their first 9 games of the season. They opened their account with amazing 60 points to 52 away win at Lichfield, before further wins against Droitwich (20-19), Worcester (13-31), Sutton Coldfield (12-10) with an away draw at Newbold (14-14). Defeats came at the hands of Whitchurch (27-14), Stourbridge (20-10), Stoke on Trent (24-27), Ludlow (16-20) so as you can see from their results they will, as always, be a tough nut to crack this afternoon. We extend a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters who have made the short journey over from Walsall Grove. For those who were brave enough to venture to Newbold last week witnessed another hard fought battle on the road and by all accounts not a game for the faint hearted. It's the games like that which go a long way to developing character and there is definitely a new resilience in our play this season. However we are only as good as our last result and the age old cliché applies that we must take one game at a time and no more so than this afternoon. It is great to see Danny (hotdog) Hawkins coming out of retirement last weekend and good to see he is featuring once again this week. The club website is the gateway to all that is happening within the club. At long last I've had the time and opportunity to update the player profiles on the website. My apologies to all those who sponsor players for the delay, but hopefully the higher profile on the new look page will compensate in some way. There are still opportunities to sponsor a player so please get in touch with me for further details if you are interested. If you've seen the news this week you can't fail to have noticed the severe flooding that has taken place in South Yorkshire and Derbyshire. Not only have homes and businesses suffered badly but rugby hasn't escaped either with the pitches Derby, Belper and Matlock under water. Grass will recover naturally once the flood water has subsided but Derby's 3G pitch has been severely damaged and will take some time to repair. In the last programme I made reference to the plight of South Leicester. Unfortunately their position has deteriorated since then, and unfortunately they have been unable to fulfil their last two fixtures, and at the time of preparing these notes, it looks like they will not be playing again this weekend. The future doesn't look bright for them. Finally the World Cup final turned out to be a major disappointment if you were an England fan. It clearly illustrates how important the preparation is both physically and mentally and the contrast between the team performance in the semifinal and the final was immense. That game is the most complete executed game of rugby I have ever witnessed. So why did England not repeat that in the final? Simple-they didn't have a plan B. They showed their full hand in the semis, South Africa came up with a game plan to counter England's strength and exploit their weaknesses. I'm not a gambling man, but if I were I'd have staked my house on an England win after the semi final. Glad I don't gamble. Still there are only 4 years to go till the next World Cup in France and after all it's only a game. Finally, todays team mascots and guard of honour, are DK Under 10's who are coached by two ex first team stalwarts Ben Connett & Rob Chivers. Another example of the commitment and importance placed on investing & supporting our thriving youth section. As always enjoy your afternoon, support yr team, above all respect the result and most importantly please join us in the clubhouse after the game to enjoy some real grass roots rugby hospitality



Gordon Bannatyne



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Editors Choice - Photo of the Week - Step!





























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DKRFG Glub History

DK's Industrial Heritage from Titanic to Concorde.





Harper Bean/Dudley Rugby Football Club, established in 1920, was renamed Dudley Kingswinford RFC at the beginning of the 1928/29 season. The club's patron at that time was industrialist Cyril E Lloyd (Fig 1&2). Cyril was a descendant of the Lloyds banking family and a Director of the family business F H Lloyd & Co, Steel Founders and Manufacturers of Wednesbury, established in 1879.





Taking items from the club's collection and from the extensive archives held by Bob (Stuart) McMaster he has put together this History of the DK Bank.



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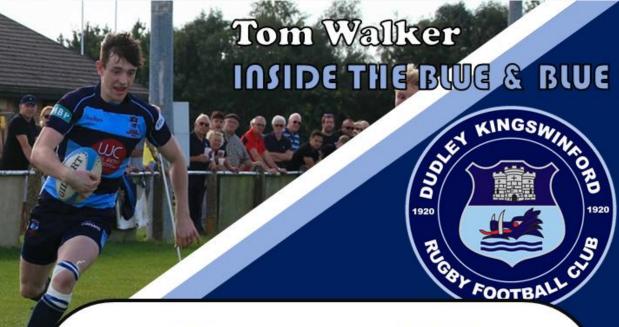




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INSIDE THE BLUE & BLUE



Position

Back Three and Scrum Half

Age

21

Best DK Memory
Beating Bournville away in the
cup last season

Best Rugby Player in the World

Beauden Barret

Best hands at DK Stefan Shillingford

Best Tackler at DK
Will Hancox

Any Phobias Spiders

Laziest Player at DK
Callum Nicholls

Most Professional Player at DK Charlie Baffour

What team do you enjoy playing against the most Stourbridge

What is your Party Trick
Spending money I don't have

Winning Try or the most Tries

The Winning Try







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Old Halesonians RFC TEAM SELECTION

1 Loose Head Rob Butler

2 Hooker Sam Jones

3 Tight Head Dylan Fennell

4 Lock Dan Smith

5 Lock Josh Benjamin

6 Blind Side Jack Manison

7 Open Side Aron Middleton

8 Nr 8 Loz Breese

9 Scrum Half Jamie Keen

10 Fly Half Luke Fenton

11 Left Wing Joel Keenan

12 Inside Centre Carl Robinson (c)

13 Outside Centre Tom Jarvis

14 Right Wing Luke Smith

15 Full Back Andy Holloway

16 Replacement James Stevenson

17 Replacement Nathan Fisher

18 Replacement Dylan Robinson







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Table

Midlands 1 West

Team	Р	W	D	L	F	А	DIF	B PTS	тот	ADJ
Dudley Kingswinford	9	8	0	1	303	137	166	6	38	0
Stoke on Trent	9	8	0	1	265	199	66	6	38	0
Kenilworth	9	7	0	2	226	139	87	7	35	0
Lichfield	8	5	0	3	285	184	101	9	29	0
Hereford	8	6	0	2	174	108	66	5	29	0
Ludlow	9	4	1	4	239	216	23	5	23	0
Old Halesonians	9	4	1	4	201	202	-1	5	23	0
Whitchurch	9	4	0	5	195	223	-28	5	21	0
Newbold on Avon	9	3	2	4	197	189	8	4	20	0
Worcester	9	4	0	5	210	224	-14	4	20	0
Droitwich	9	2	0	7	178	243	-65	6	14	0
Stourbridge Lions	9	3	0	6	170	222	-52	1	13	0
Sutton Coldfield	9	2	0	7	177	264	-87	5	13	0
Kidderminster	9	0	0	9	127	397	-270	1	1	0

Fixtures

Dudley Kingswinford	Sat 16 Nov 2019 14:15	Old Halesonians
Stoke on Trent	Sat 23 Nov 2019 14:15	Dudley Kingswinford
Dudley Kingswinford	Sat 7 Dec 2019 TBC	Stourbridge Lions
Sutton Coldfield	Sat 14 Dec 2019 TBC	Dudley Kingswinford
Dudley Kingswinford	Sat 21 Dec 2019 TBC	Droitwich





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AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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