



BOURNVILLE RFC II

28TH MARCH 2026

15:00 KO

BOB COWARD MEMORIAL GROUND



MATCHDAY

MEN'S 1ST XV



WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU ALL A VERY WARM WELCOME TO BARKERS.

WE'VE GOT AN EXCITING SEASON AHEAD OF US. WE'VE DUSTED OURSELVES OFF AFTER THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF RELEGATION AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAYING AGAINST SOME NEW TEAMS. AND I'M PLEASED TO SEE WE'VE GOT SOME FAMILIAR FOES AMONGST OUR PEER GROUP TOO.

IT'S FANTASTIC TO SEE TYLER IN POST AS OUR NEW HEAD COACH AND I THINK HE'LL BRING A GREAT MIX OF PASSION AND EXPERTISE. HE'S OFF TO A FLYING START ALREADY BY RECRUITING ANDY WEAVER AS FORWARDS COACH. ANDY BRINGS A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND I KNOW HE'LL MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE, BOTH AS A PLAYER AND A COACH.

BARKERS IS FIERCELY PROUD TO BE AN AMATEUR CLUB, BUT WITH THAT PHILOSOPHY, WE CAN STRUGGLE TO ATTRACT TALENTED PLAYERS WHO ARE OFTEN TEMPTED WITH LUCRATIVE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES. FORTUNATELY, OUR THRIVING MINI AND JUNIOR SECTION GIVES US A READY-MADE PIPELINE OF TALENT WHO ARE DRIVEN BY LOYALTY RATHER THAN CASH! OUR TRACK RECORD FOR FIELDING SENIOR SQUADS MADE UP LARGELY OF OUR OWN ALUMNI IS SECOND TO NONE. WATCHING A CHILD PROGRESS THROUGH THE CLUB AND RUN OUT WITH THEIR HEROES AS A SENIOR IS THE EPITOME OF A GRASSROOTS CLUB. AS PRESIDENT, THAT'S THE KIND OF SUCCESS THAT MAKES ME PROUD.

I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TIME AT THE CLUB WITH US TODAY AND, REGARDLESS OF ANY RESULTS, YOU RECEIVE THE WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME THAT WE ALL WORK HARD TO PROVIDE.



GLENN SOUTHWELL - PRESIDENT

COACHES CORNER

TYLER PRICE - MEN'S SENIOR HEAD COACH



THE MEN'S 1ST XV HAVE STARTED THE 2025/26 SEASON STRONGLY - SITTING AT THE TOP OF THE LEAGUE HAVING ONLY LOST TWICE THIS SEASON. INTENSITY AND ATTENDANCE ARE IMPROVING WEEKLY, WITH GROWING COMMITMENT ACROSS THE SQUAD. EXCITING YOUNG TALENT IS COMING THROUGH, PUSHING STANDARDS AND DRIVING COMPETITION FOR PLACES. SELECTION IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT, WHICH REFLECTS THE STRENGTH AND DEPTH DEVELOPING WITHIN THE GROUP. THE TEAM'S HARD WORK, ENERGY, AND DETERMINATION ARE CLEAR AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD STRONG MOMENTUM FOR THE SEASON AHEAD.

CHRIS KIRBY - WOMEN'S SENIOR HEAD COACH



BARKERS WOMEN ARE SET FOR AN EXCITING SEASON AHEAD. SEVERAL PLAYERS WHO FIRST PICKED UP A BALL IN THE BARKERS MINIS PROGRAM HAVE RETURNED FROM UNIVERSITY, BRINGING FRESH ENERGY AND EXPERIENCE BACK INTO THE SQUAD. PRE-SEASON HAS SEEN A STRONG FOCUS ON FITNESS AND SKILLS, WITH CLEAR IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE TEAM. WITH HARD WORK BEHIND THEM AND PLENTY OF TALENT IN THE RANKS, BARKERS WOMEN ARE READY TO BUILD MOMENTUM AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE SEASON.

TEAM NEWS

STARTING XV

- 1. PETE STAPLETON***
- 2. SAM FINNIE* (VC)**
- 3. ETHAN CLEMO* - SPONSORED BY RMC CARPENTRY**
- 4. ANDREW WEAVER***
- 5. JACOB GRIFFIN***
- 6. LUKE LINTON***
- 7. SAM HINES***
- 8. CHRIS ZUTIC - SPONSORED BY R A ZUTIC PLUMBING & HEATING LTD**
- 9. EWAN LAWSON* (C) - SPONSORED BY CR CIVIL ENGINEERING LTD**
- 10. BRAD SOUTHWELL***
- 11. SAM BURBRIDGE* - SPONSORED BY JH RENOVATIONS LTD**
- 12. CHARLIE KIRBY***
- 13. LOUIE TOAL* - SPONSORED BY MARTIN SUTLIFF GOLF LTD**
- 14. JACK MORRIS**
- 15. LEO MITCHELL***

REPLACEMENTS

- 16. JACK BOLAND***
- 17. CAMERON MCNALLY***
- 18. ALEX HAWKSWOOD* - SPONSORED BY HEART OF ENGLAND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD**

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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

ABOUT BOURNVILLE RFC

BOURNVILLE RFC ARE A PROUD MIDLANDS RUGBY UNION CLUB BASED IN BIRMINGHAM, WITH A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF DEVELOPING COMPETITIVE TEAMS AND FOSTERING A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT. FOUNDED IN 1909, THE CLUB HAS GROWN FROM LOCAL ROOTS INTO AN ESTABLISHED SIDE WITHIN THE ENGLISH RUGBY PYRAMID, KNOWN FOR ITS RESILIENCE AND COMMITMENT TO ATTRACTIVE, HARD-WORKING RUGBY.

PLAYING THEIR HOME MATCHES AT AVERY FIELDS, BOURNVILLE COMBINE A BLEND OF EXPERIENCED PLAYERS AND EMERGING TALENT, OFTEN PRODUCING EXCITING, FAST-PACED PERFORMANCES BUILT ON A SOLID FORWARD PLATFORM AND INVENTIVE BACK PLAY. IN RECENT SEASONS, THEY HAVE COMPETED AT A HIGH LEVEL IN NATIONAL LEAGUE RUGBY, CONSISTENTLY CHALLENGING THEMSELVES AGAINST SOME OF THE STRONGEST SIDES IN THE COUNTRY.

OFF THE FIELD, THE CLUB IS DEEPLY CONNECTED TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, WITH A THRIVING MINI AND JUNIOR SECTION THAT UNDERPINS ITS FUTURE SUCCESS. MATCHDAYS AT BOURNVILLE ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE, PASSIONATE SUPPORT, AND STRONG CLUB ETHOS.

TODAY'S FIXTURE PROMISES ANOTHER TEST OF THEIR CHARACTER AND AMBITION, AS BOURNVILLE LOOK TO IMPOSE THEIR PHYSICALITY AND FLAIR WHILE CONTINUING TO BUILD ON THEIR PROUD RUGBY HERITAGE.

LAST WEEK'S REPORT

MATCH REPORT: BROMSGROVE II 28 - BARKERS 28

COUNTIES 2 MIDLANDS WEST (EAST)

IN A THRILLING TOP-OF-THE-TABLE CLASH, BROMSGROVE RFC II AND BARKERS BUTTS RFC SHARED THE SPOILS IN A DRAMATIC 28-28 DRAW.

THE HOSTS STARTED BRIGHTLY, PUNISHING EARLY ILL-DISCIPLINE FROM BARKERS TO TAKE THE LEAD. THE VISITORS RESPONDED THROUGH A DOMINANT DRIVING MAUL, WHICH PROVED A CONSTANT THREAT THROUGHOUT. ALTHOUGH BROMSGROVE ADDED A TRY IN THE CORNER, BARKERS AGAIN HIT BACK WITH ANOTHER POWERFUL MAUL SCORE TO TAKE A 17-11 LEAD INTO HALF TIME.

THE SECOND HALF SAW BARKERS' DISCIPLINE FALTER, ALLOWING BROMSGROVE TO EDGE BACK IN FRONT. BARKERS REPLIED WITH A CLOSE-RANGE TRY FOLLOWING SUSTAINED PRESSURE IN THE HOSTS' 22 TO KEEP THE CONTEST FINELY BALANCED.

LATE DRAMA FOLLOWED AS BROMSGROVE STRUCK IN THE FINAL TWO MINUTES TO LEAD 28-23, SEEMINGLY SEALING VICTORY. HOWEVER, FROM THE RESTART, SAM BURBRIDGE REGATHERED BRILLIANTLY TO SPARK ONE LAST ATTACK. AFTER SUSTAINED PRESSURE, BRAD SOUTHWELL KICKED TO THE CORNER, AND BARKERS DROVE OVER FROM 15 METRES TO LEVEL THE SCORES. SAM FINNIE SCORED A HAT-TRICK, WITH ANDREW WEAVER ADDING ANOTHER, WHILE SOUTHWELL CONTRIBUTED TWO PENALTIES AND A CONVERSION.

GETTING TO KNOW



LOUIE TOAL

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POSITION: CENTRE

AGE: 23

YEARS AT BBRFC: 8 YEARS

PRE GAME FOOD: SCRAMBLED EGG ON TOAST

PRE MATCH SUPERSTITIONS: WHITE MONSTER ALWAYS BEFORE A GAME

RUGBY HERO: DAVE NURSE

MOST MEMORABLE BBRFC MOMENT: WINNING THE LEAGUE 23/24

M&J UPDATE

MINI & JUNIOR SECTION UPDATE - #ONEGREATCLUB

WHAT A WEEKEND AT BARKERS! STORM AMY MIGHT HAVE ROARED, BUT IT WAS NO MATCH FOR THE PASSION, POWER AND PRIDE ON DISPLAY ACROSS OUR CLUB. THE ACTION EXPLODED INTO LIFE ON FRIDAY NIGHT AS OUR U15 AND U16 BOYS STORMED THE PITCH WITH DOMINANT VICTORIES, SETTING THE TONE FOR WHAT WAS TO COME.

SUNDAY WAS NOTHING SHORT OF SPECTACULAR - A TRUE FESTIVAL OF RUGBY! BARKERS BECAME THE BEATING HEART OF THE GAME AS 850 MINI PLAYERS FROM ACROSS THE UK DESCENDED ON OUR GROUNDS FOR A DAY OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FANTASTIC RUGBY. EVERY SINGLE PLAYER WAS A WINNER, AND WE OWE A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR U14 BOYS AND THEIR PARENTS FOR MAKING IT ALL HAPPEN.

OUR JUNIOR AND GIRLS' SQUADS LIT UP THE WEEKEND TOO. THE U13 BOYS AND U12/U14 GIRLS DAZZLED WITH SKILL AND DETERMINATION, WHILE OUR COLTS AND U16 GIRLS DELIVERED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES TO CLAIM VICTORY IN THEIR NATIONAL CUP GAMES - WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!

ADDING TO THE MAGIC, WE WERE HONOURED TO WELCOME RED ROSES WORLD CUP WINNERS JADE SHEKELLS AND CHARLIE HAYTER, ALONG WITH TAIWO OWATEMI MP, WHO JOINED US TO CELEBRATE EVERYTHING THAT MAKES RUGBY SO SPECIAL. .

LOOKING AHEAD PLANS ARE ALREADY IN MOTION FOR MINI TOUR 2026 - ST IVES! AFTER LAST YEAR'S INCREDIBLE TOUR WITH 680 ATTENDEES, WE CAN'T WAIT TO CREATE MORE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES. FUNDRAISING IS UNDERWAY, SO PLEASE SUPPORT WHERE YOU CAN. FINALLY, A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS AND COACHES WHO MAKE ALL THIS POSSIBLE. YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION KEEP OUR CLUB THRIVING. LET'S KEEP SHOWING THAT BARKERS' SPIRIT ON AND OFF THE PITCH!

ENJOY THE GAME!

DAVID MEDCRAFT - M&J CHAIRMAN

MENS 1ST XV FIXTURES

6TH SEPTEMBER - SOUTHAM (H) - WON 41-12

13TH SEPTEMBER - BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL (H) - WON 38-27

20TH SEPTEMBER - BERKSWELL & BALSALL (H) (CUP) HWO

4TH OCTOBER - LUTTERWORTH II (A) - WON 29-26

11TH OCTOBER - BERKSWELL & BALSALL (H) VP DAY - LOST 24-19

18TH OCTOBER - HARBURY (A) - WON 31-27

25TH OCTOBER - OLD LAURENTIANS (A) (CUP) - WON 22-21

8TH NOVEMBER - HARBORNE (H) - WON 55-5

22ND NOVEMBER - CLAVERDON (A) - WON 24-3

29TH NOVEMBER - BROMSGROVE II (H) - WON 29-19

6TH DECEMBER - BOURNVILLE II (A) - WON 13-10

13TH DECEMBER - UPTON-ON-SEVERN (H) - WON 36-5

20TH DECEMBER - COVENTRY WELSH (A) - WON 38-7

17TH JANUARY - LUTTERWORTH II (H) - WON 34-22

24TH JANUARY - BERKSWELL & BALSALL (A) - WON 10-9

31 JANUARY - SMITHS RUGBY (H) RFU COUNTIES COMMUNITY CUP LAST 16 - LOST 61-0

7TH FEBRUARY - BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL (A) LOST 32-25

14TH FEBRUARY - HARBURY (H) - WON 29-27

28TH FEBRUARY - HARBORNE (A) - WON 61-12

7TH MARCH - CLAVERDON (H) - PRESIDENTS PRE MATCH LUNCH - WON 41-10

21ST MARCH - BROMSGROVE II (A) - DREW 28-28

28TH MARCH - BOURNVILLE II (H)

11TH APRIL - UPTON-ON-SEVERN (A)

18TH APRIL - COVENTRY WELSH (H)

25TH APRIL - SOUTHAM (A)

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MATCHDAY / PLAYERS / PITCHSIDE BOARDS



1ST TEAM MATCH DAY

- COMPANY LOGO ON THE MATCHDAY DIGITAL PROGRAMME
- ANNOUNCEMENT POST ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA BEFORE A 1ST TEAM MATCH DAY
- PHOTO WITH A 1ST TEAM PLAYER POST GAME ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

11 AVAILABLE - £150 EACH

ALL PRICES INCLUDE VAT

PITCHBOARDS*

£420 FIRST PAYMENT

£370 RENEWAL

***PRICES ARE BASED ON A TWO YEAR DEAL**

PLAYER SPONSORS

£200 + VAT PER SEASON

INCLUDES:

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