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JON SHARP

Welcome all to the final Championship league game of the 2021-22 season. In many ways we will be glad to see the back of it, fractured as it has been by only eleven teams in the competition and by sporadic incidences of Covid. We will all look forward to the new season with the league restored to twelve teams, and hopefully we can all get used to watching a game at BPA every fortnight. In the meantime we do have a Championship cup competition that will run through until the end of May, so plenty of rugby to come.

Today, sadly, will mark the final Championship league game for our captain Ryan Burrows, who is going to retire at the end of this season. 'Buzz' has been our outstanding player for the last couple of seasons, starting 40 games, all as captain, plus three as a replacement, totalling 3,138 minutes playing, during which he has scored 9 tries.

He has on six occasions been voted in the Championship team of the week and once in Championship team of the year. He has collected a dozen or so man of the match performances and I wouldn't be surprised if he adds to that tally today. His leadership has been outstanding and he will be sorely missed.

I know that every Cov fan will say a huge thanks for his great contribution to the club. Buzz, we all wish you the very best in retirement and you and your family are forever welcome at Butts Park.

Our friends and opponents today, Jersey Reds, have had a good season overall, topping the league table at one point and certain to finish in at least fourth place, this being their final league game of the season. We had a cracking duel with them on the island back in December when they shaded the game 29-24 and we felt that another five minutes would have seen us overtake them, having gifted them a 29 nil half time lead. Let's hope we wake up a little earlier today.

C'mon Cov!

Jon Sharp
Executive Chairman





BUZZ HANGS UP HIS BOOTS RYAN BURROWS

Fifteen years on from making his professional debut back in the season of 2007/08, our very own Ryan Burrows is calling time on a career that has been as illustrious and decorated as the man is genuine and down to earth.

Three seasons and more than 40 games on from joining Coventry in 2019, Ryan Burrows has taken the difficult decision to retire from professional rugby at the end of this current season.

Burrows made the formal jump from natural leader to Coventry Captain shortly after his arrival here in the midlands. After becoming very much a fan's favourite almost instantly; Ryan's inspiring, yet collected words in an ever Northern husk mixed with his 'lead from the front'-like actions meant that his performances not only gained external accolades – but also the respect of his colleagues, from the first time he donned the blue and white.

A career that began in Rotherham, where Burrows became a Titan centurion in four and a half years included a hattrick-scoring performance against Coventry (we'll just about forgive him for that one). Staying true to his Northern roots, the next move in Ryan's career was teaming up with Leeds Carnegie (now named Leeds tykes and formerly Yorkshire Carnegie) playing 148 games for the Yorkshire outfit spanning over a six season period.

Newcastle was the next port of call for the number 8, with Burrows spending 2 years and 30 matches at Kingston Park. Finally, the bulldozing forward ventured as far south as he dared; joining Coventry, where our captain wishes to end his phenomenal career.

"My retirement will come as a shock to many, but over my career my family have supported me in all my decisions and fully backed me. Now with a young family I feel the time is right to take a step back and spend more time at home with my wife and two girls" Burrows explained.

Coventry Rugby Executive Chairman Jon Sharp had this to say on the skipper:

"Our game this weekend against Jersey Reds will sadly mark the final Championship league game for our captain Ryan Burrows, who is going to retire at the end of this season. 'Buzz' has been our outstanding player for the last couple of seasons, starting 40 games, all as captain, plus three as a replacement, totalling 3,138 minutes playing, during which he has scored 9 tries.

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The club's respect for Burrows and his immense performances over the last three seasons or so has not been a one-way street: Burrows said this week that "Playing for Coventry has been a huge highlight of my career, seeing what the club means to the city is huge and the fans have definitely got us over the line in a lot of close games. Both home and away they have been very loyal and always got behind the team – something that myself and the entire squad are extremely grateful for."

Everyone at Coventry Rugby Club from the fans, Buzz's fellow players, office staff, to those volunteering to help put the posts up on a match day would like to thank Ryan for his service to the club. We wish Ryan and his family all the very best in the next chapter of life, and hope that his time at Coventry Rugby Club will make for the happiest of memories.

Thank you Buzz.





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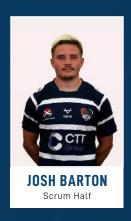
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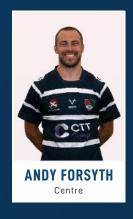
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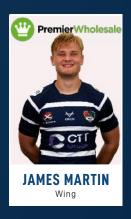


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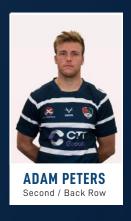
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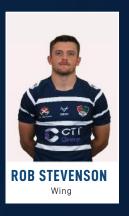
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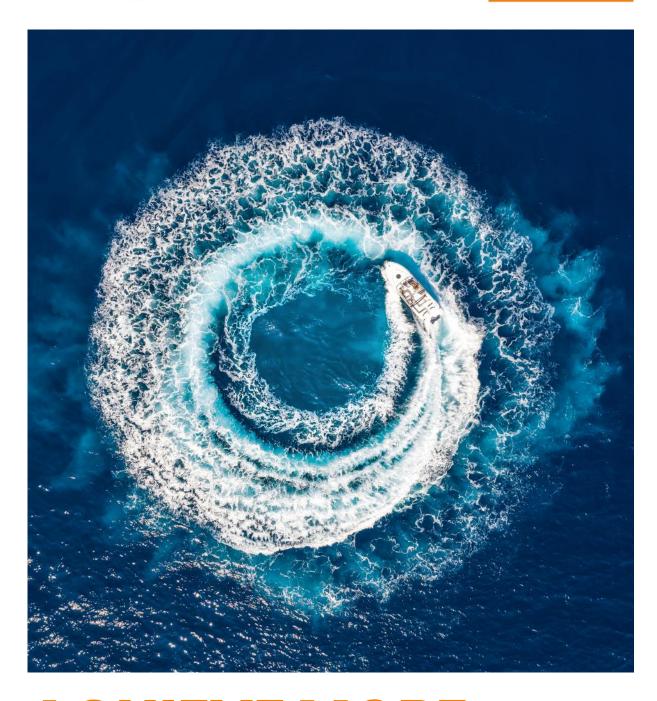
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OUR VISITORS

By John Butler



Our final home league match of the season & to it we extend a very warm welcome for just the third time in league rugby to Jersey Reds.

The above reference does not of course acknowledge the fact that before last season got underway, Jersey travelled over for a pre season warm up game, details of which do not form part of any club record or statistics.

It is possible to trace roots of rugby being played in Jersey as long ago as 1879. Historically over the years, the club has always been affiliated through the Hampshire Rugby Union.

In addition to several senior sides, there is a thriving mini/junior section up to Colts level, plus a Jersey Women's squad thriving at the Stade Santander International ground.

Five promotions were achieved between the years of 2005-2012, which then took Jersey to level two & the Championship.

Currently, the Reds lie in fourth place, as opposed to Cov's ninth, which means that mathematically Jersey can no longer aspire to winning this season's title, For long periods though they have been very much in the mix for it.

Their record before today's encounter reads won 12, drawn one & lost six. Five away wins have been achieved on their travels at London Scottish, Richmond, Ampthill,

Nottingham & Hartpury. The defeat suffered in their last away game at Cornish Pirates however effectively put an end to any last hopes of winning the Championship title.

Director of Rugby Harvey Biljon is the man still in charge, the South African being supported by head coach Rob Webber & assistant Tom Williams.

The squad are captained by the Scottish born back row forward Lewis Wynne.

In terms of direct links to Cov, there is just one in winger Ryan Olowofela, who made 3 appearances in blue & white during season 2019/20 whilst dual registered.

Looking back in the records, it is possible to find a couple of occasions in the 1950's when Cov were invited over to Jersey for special invitation matches.

You then have to roll forward some 60 years before the first league meeting in season 2011/12, at that time in National League One. There was then a gap of seven seasons before our paths crossed again in 2018/19, after our promotion back to the Championship.

Today then in just the 8th league meeting between our two clubs. Bearing in mind earlier this season, Jersey won the encounter at the Stade Santander by 29pts -24, they currently lead 4-3 in victories. Remembering the pandemic has cut short recent seasons, one has to got back to 2018/19 to find the Reds

last league visit, which brought an exciting 20pts – 15 Cov win.

Jersey have won once on visits here to the BPA, it coming was back in that 2011/12 season by 13 pts -37.

Following our fine win at Bedford eight days ago & Jersey's big home win over Nottingham a day later, today's clash has also manner of exciting elements attached to it. A home win in our last league match here until September would certainly go down very well, after what we can only describe as being a very difficult season in several ways.



Please do not forget though meantime the squad will be looking to add a second away win to their record when they travel to Richmond next Saturday, for the re arranged league game.

Then, in five week's time, 23rd April 2022, we return for the second leg of the first round Championship Cup meeting v Ampthill; the first leg having been played down in Bedfordshire two weeks earlier.



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Ealing Trailfinders H CHAMP L 73-24 23rd October 2021 KO 3.00pm

Cornish Pirates A CHAMP L 40-05 30th October 2021 KO 2.30 pm

Nottingham Rugby H CHAMP W 35-12 6th November 2021 JO 3.00 pm

London Scottish A CHAMP L 36-23 27th November 2021 KO 3.00 pm

Bedford Blues H CHAMP W 15-14 4th December 2021 KO 3.00 pm

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Bedford Blues A CHAMP W 15-17 12th March 2022 KO 2.00 pm

Jersey Reds H CHAMP 19th March 2022 KO 3.00 pm

League Table (Last update 19 Mar 2022, 08:27) 2021/22 Championship

1	Doncaster Knights	19	16	0	3	498	317	181	8	0	72
2	Ealing Trailfinders	18	14	0	4	786	302	484	13	1	70
3	Cornish Pirates	17	13	1	3	438	269	169	9	1	64
4	Jersey Reds	19	12	1	6	530	398	132	11	3	64
5	Bedford Blues	19	8	0	11	474	482	-8	9	4	45
6	Hartpury University	19	7	1	11	500	484	16	9	5	44
7	Ampthill	19	8	1	10	392	483	-91	5	4	43
8	Richmond	18	7	1	10	402	446	-44	6	5	41
9	Coventry	18	8	0	10	390	488	-98	5	2	39
10	Nottingham	19	5	0	14	402	664	-262	6	4	30
11	London Scottish	19	1	1	17	305	784	-479	3	2	11

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Tom Ball	1	7	8					
Josh Barton	13	5	18	6				30
Fred Betteridge	7	6	13	2				10
Seb Blake		2	2					
Phil Boulton	11	2	13					
Jake Bridges		4	4					
Louis Brown	4		4	1				5
Ryan Burrows	14		14	6	_	_		30
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Nile Dacres	12	4	16	1				5
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Tony Fenner	14	3	17		20	15		85
Andy Forsyth	9	2	11					_
Tom Griffiths	5	3	8	1				5
Aaron Hinkley	5	2	7	2				10
Tom Howe	5		5	•				40
Will Hurd	1	6	7	2				10
Louis James	8		8	2				10
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Rob Stevenson	15	3	15	2				10
Rhys Thomas	15	4	4	_				
Toby Trinder	14	2	16					
James Tyas	6	_	6					
Max Williams	3	4	7					
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