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To celebrate the end of the 2021/22 Championship season, Coventry Rugby would like to invite all supporters to our End of Season dinner on the 24th June 2022. The dinner will be hosted in the Platinum Marquee from 6.00 pm onwards. The evening will include a glass of prosecco on arrival, a three-course dinner catered by Chefs Kitchen, a Players Awards ceremony and live entertainment. We hope to see as many supporters as possible to end the season on a high.



### JON SHARP

Welcome to Butts Park Arena for our return fixture of this two-legged cup ('Tie 1') against Ampthill RFC, whose home at Dillingham Park remains a bogey ground for us and whilst we had won there in the cup before, we have never won a league match there.

This time we couldn't win in the cup either, losing 27-21 so we need to win this home game by 7 clear points to win on aggregate score.

If we do so win, we would automatically go through to meet the winner of Tie 3 in have a two-legged quarter final against either Doncaster Knights or Cornish Pirates. Pirates won the first fixture at Doncaster two weeks ago 24-26 so that is a close one to call, although with home advantage, Pirates should be favourites.

If we do not win on aggregate, we do not leave the competition, however. Because of the odd number of sides involved it has been complicated to structure a knock-out cup. The winners of opening Ties 1,2,3,4 and 5 automatically go through to the quarter finals and are joined by Ealing who had a first-round bye (because there are an uneven number of teams in the cup competition the winners of the league automatically get free passage to the quarters). That makes for six teams and they are joined by the losers of Ties 1 and 2, so these two both get a second bite at the cherry. Luck of the draw.

If we do lose on aggregate, whether as the team having the best or worst losing playing record out of Ties 1 and 2, it looks like we would probably play Bedford who won away at Nottingham 14-38 in the first leg of Tie 2, a lead The Blues should not throw away in the home leg. There are other possibilities too complex to list here, and I have looked at the most likely outcomes.

Again, the Quarter Final will be a two-legged home and away affair with the result decided by aggregate score. The semi-finals and final will both be single-leg affairs.

Regarding next season's league, we will be back up to twelve teams. Either Caldy or Sale FC look likely to win the league below and therefore be promoted from National One, and if Ealing succeed in challenging the RFU decision not to allow them promotion despite having won the Championship League, the second side will also be promoted. If that does happen, and with National One being reduced to fourteen teams, the Premiership will be fourteen teams and the Championship becomes sandwich in the middle at twelve teams. Hopefully another two Nat One sides will soon be ready to join our ranks, giving us a more viable base of thirteen home games in the league and a more symmetrical shape to the top three leagues.

The weather forecast for today is promising and the lads are raring to go: we look forward to an entertaining spectacle. Let's give them our wholehearted support and really make some special noise today.

C'mon Cov!

Jon Sharp

Executive Chairman





#### **TONY FENNER**

#### FENNER HANGS UP HIS BOOTS

Rugby and Coventry are loosing one of the best, and not just in terms of playing ability. One of the most genuine and decent people in the game, Tony Fenner, is hanging up his boots and retiring from professional rugby.

At the end of this current season, Fenner has taken the difficult decision to join the likes of Ryan Burrows and retire from the playing side of professional rugby. In a season where Tony joined an esteemed club of Coventry Rugby centurions despite numerous hindering injuries over the years, Fenner believes now is the right time to finish up on his own terms.



It is no secret that injuries have ever so slightly plagued the balling playing fly half/centre's career, but it is merely a testament to the man's sheer determination and professionalism that this particular playing story will be one of incredible success and achievement when one takes a look back. A player that made matching winning moments an almost monotonous habit will go down as one of the best to grace Coventry Rugby and the sport itself.

When people go to use the phrase: "done it all", they may wish to reconsider alternative wording once they understand the epic tale of Tony Fenner and Rugby Union. A career that began in 2005 when Bedford Academy graduate turned First Team debutant at a mere 18 years old. After 4 years in Bedfordshire, Fenner headed as South as it gets to represent Otatuhu in the Auckland club competition in New Zealand.

It was in there below the equator that Tony met his now Wife and Mother of their son, Luzaan. A phone call from the current Wales National Team Head Coach Wayne Pivac, then persuaded Fenner to journey to South Africa and help the EP Kings to a Currie Cup winning campaign in 2010.

A stint at Otago in the ITM Cup preceded representing Modena Rugby Italy in a European Season. The next move was journeying back to New Zealand to play for Aukland once again under Wayne Pivac as Head Coach. Tony Fenner was voted in to the 2012 team of the season for non New Zealand players in the ITM Cup.

The 2013/14 season saw Fenner make his European Cup debut when playing for Viadana with Head Coach Rowland Phillips, who the player maintains is one of his all time favourite coaches to play under. Edinburgh was the next port of call for the fly half/centre, which came with a Heineken Cup debut before returning to Bedford Blues almost a decade after first making his senior debut at the club.

Penultimately, France was the next land to conquer, as Fenner won the Golden Boot at Limoges before moving to Nevers in the ProD2 league. Finally, it was Coventry's turn. However, we will sadly be the last club to be graced by the player's on field talent and off field kindness and generosity.

"I can't thank the club, Jon Sharp, the coaches, my teammates and Coventry's loyal supporters enough for everything they've done for me during my time here. I also want to say a big thank you to my wife and family for the continued support throughout my entire career!" Fenner expressed.

Everyone at Coventry would like to firstly thank Tony for giving his absolute all to the shirt ever since his first day in blue and white. Secondly, we wish him the very best in whatever the future may bring.







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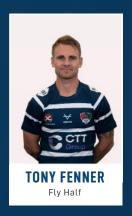


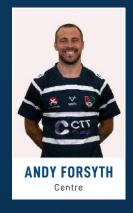
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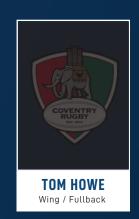
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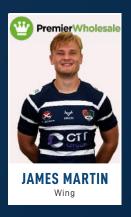


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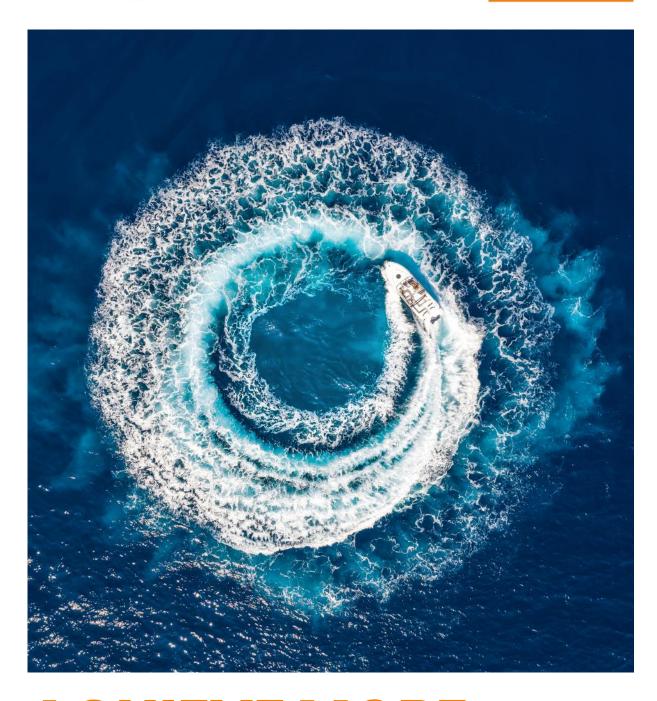
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#### OUR VISITORS

#### By John Butler



For the second time this season, welcome to Ampthill Rugby Club, their players, officials and supporters.

With the Championship season now completed, it did take rather too long for the announcement to come through before we all knew a Championship Cup was indeed going to take place.

After a fragmented season for all Championship clubs, the Cup is now here. With there only being 11 clubs involved, Ealing Trailfinders received a bye from the first round.

Today's meeting is of course a first round second leg tie, with Ampthill currently leading at "half time" by 27 points – 21 from the earlier meeting at Dillingham Park.



It has not been a particularly productive venue for us in recent times following our loss there earlier in the season as well. Conversely, the return league meeting here on Boxing Day brought Cov a 26 pts -21 win.

Ampthill's most recent away record has been pretty good, they being unbeaten on their travels since 29th January 2022. Their final league game at the beginning of the month brought a 28 points all draw down at Cornish Pirates, whilst previous to that, a fine win was achieved at Hartpury.

The task therefore facing our squad today is tough, but with our excellent & passionate home support behind them, there is every incentive for the team to move on



to the quarter final stage of the competition.

That quarter final stage, once again over two legs, will be played out over the next two weekends, 30th April 2022 & 7th May 2022.

Defeat today though means the end of the 2021/22 playing season for one of our clubs.

The "Cov Dog" here at the Butts Park Arena today certainly needs to surface in a big way. Ampthill we know will to be tough opponents as they always prove to be. Hopefully from a Cov perspective we can progress to the quarter finals & that of course will mean today will not prove to be the end of our season.

Let us all make sure we give every ounce of support possible to the squad in what is certain to be an exciting afternoon of Rugby.





#### TWO TO WATCH

By Kevin Miller





#### **CHARLIE BECKETT**

Charlie Beckett, 26 (1.94m, 120kg), started his rugby career at Leicester Academy before moving to Gloucester where he captained their 'A League' side. In May 2018 he signed for Jersey Reds making 41 appearances and scoring 2 tries. Following the early finish of the 2019/20 Championship season he re-joined Gloucester making two Gallagher Premiership appearances. Charlie joined Ampthill in the summer of 2020 and was named club captain ahead of the 2021-22 season. He has previously represented England at both U18 and U20 level. In his spare time Charlie writes for Talking Rugby Union and hosts his own wrestling based podcast "Earning the Push".



#### **BEN CAMBRIANI**

Ben Bambriani, 22 (1.82m and 90kg) joined Ampthill from Ospreys in the summer of 2021. During his time with Ospreys, Ben was with the Welsh Sevens set up playing in eight tournaments, making twenty appearances and scored 10 tries. An almost ever-present in the Ampthill starting XV this season at either outside centre where he has formed great chemistry with Tom Hudson, or on the wing, Ben is the Mobs top try-scorer with 10 tries to his name.



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**Doncaster Knights H CHAMP W 39 - 22** 18th September 2021

Ampthill Rugby CHAMP L 19 - 21 25th September 2021

Richmond Rugby H CHAMP W 10 - 05 2nd October 2021

Hartpury University A CHAMP L 18 - 07 18th October 2021

**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

Jersey Reds A CHAMP L 29-24 11th December 2021 KO 3.00 pm Doncaster Knights A CHAMP L 31-09 18th December 2021 KO 2.30 pm

Ampthill Rugby H CHAMP W 26-22 26th December 2021 KO 1.30 pm

Richmond Rugby A CHAMP (POSTPONED) W28-40 NEW DATE: 26/03/22 KO 3.00 pm

**Hartpury University H CHAMP W 34-33** 15th January 2022 KO 3.00 pm

Ealing Trailfinders A CHAMP L 47-05 22nd January 2022 KO 3.00 pm

**Cornish Pirates H CHAMP L 21-31** 29th January 2022 KO 3.00 pm

Nottingham Rugby A CHAMP L 27-15 11th February 2022 KO 7.45 pm

**London Scottish H CHAMP W 62-12** 26th February 2022 KO 3.00 pm

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

Jersey Reds H CHAMP L 38-66 19th March 2022 KO 3.00 pm

#### League Table 2021/22 Championship Results

1	Ealing Trailfinders	20	16	0	4	890	336	554	15	1	80
2	Doncaster Knights	20	17	0	3	524	322	202	9	0	77
3	Cornish Pirates	20	14	2	4	521	365	156	12	1	73
4	Jersey Reds	20	13	1	6	596	436	160	12	3	69
5	Bedford Blues	20	9	0	11	536	503	33	10	4	50
6	Ampthill	20	8	2	10	420	511	-91	6	4	46
7	Hartpury University	20	7	1	12	524	515	9	10	6	46
8	Coventry	20	9	0	11	468	582	-114	7	2	45
9	Richmond	20	7	1	12	440	546	-106	7	5	42
10	Nottingham	20	5	0	15	407	690	-283	6	4	30
11	London Scottish	20	1	1	18	326	846	-520	3	2	11

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Dan <b>Babos</b>		8	8	1				5
Josh <b>Bainbridge</b>	15		15	4				20
Tom <b>Ball</b>	2	9	11					
Josh <b>Barton</b>	16	5	21	7				35
Fred <b>Betteridge</b>	7	9	16	2				10
Seb <b>Blake</b>		2	2					
Phil <b>Boulton</b>	11	2	13					
Jake <b>Bridges</b>	1	6	7					
Louis <b>Brown</b>	7		7	1				5
Ryan <b>Burrows</b>	17		17	8				40
Tom <b>Curtis</b>	6	3	9	1	7	1		22
Nile <b>Dacres</b>	12	4	16	1				5
Tom <b>Emery</b>	1		1					
Tony <b>Fenner</b>	14	5	19	1	21	15		90
Andy Forsyth	11	2	13					
Tom <b>Griffiths</b>	5	3	8	1				5
Aaron <b>Hinkley</b>	5	2	7	2				10
Tom <b>Howe</b>	5		5					
Will <b>Hurd</b>	1	6	7	2				10
Louis <b>James</b>	8	3	11	2				10
Luc <b>Jeannot</b>	1	11	12					
Matt <b>Johnson</b>	6		6					
Rob <b>Knox</b>	16	3	19	3	2	1		22
Jonathan <b>Kpoku</b>	10	2	12	2				10
Suva <b>Ma'asi</b>	6	3	9	1				5
James <b>Martin</b>	1	6	7	2				10
Evan <b>Mitchell</b>	8	5	13	1	18	5		56
Senitiki <b>Nayalo</b>	6	1	7	2				10
Will <b>Owen</b>	16	2	18	2				10
Jordon <b>Poole</b>	10		10	4				20
Adam <b>Peters</b>	20		20	3				15
Dan <b>Richardson</b>	4	5	9					
Joe <b>Richardson</b>	3	11	14	_				
Sam Aspland-Rob-	4	1	5	2				10
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Joe <b>Snow</b>	5	8	13	1				5
Tom <b>Stanton</b>	8	3	11	1				5
Rob <b>Stevenson</b>	15		15	4				20
Rhys <b>Thomas</b>		4	4					
Toby <b>Trinder</b>	16	2	18					_
James Tyas	9	_	9	1				5
Max <b>Williams</b>	3	4	7					
TOTAL				1				7
PENALTY TRY				59	44	22		489
HOME				76	55	18		609
AWAY				, 0	00	10		007

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