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THE TEAMS



AMPHILL RUGBY

HOME

STARTING XV

AWAY

Tom Stanton	15	Tom Hudson
Rob Stevenson	14	Joe Goodchild
Andy Forsyth	13	Ben Cambriani
Will Owen	12	Ollie Hartley
Louis James	11	Josh Skelcey
Evan Mitchell	10	Russell Bennett
Josh Barton	09	Roan Frostwick
Dan Richardson	01	Jamie Jack
Harry Clayton	02	Jack Dickinson
Will Hurd	03	Harry Seward
Nile Dacres	04	Charlie Beckett (C)
Max Williams	05	Matt Wilkinson
Fred Betteridge	06	Jac Arthur
Adam Peters	07	Joe Bercis
Ryan Burrows (C)	08	Paddy Ryan

REPLACEMENTS

Suva Ma'asi	16	Billy Harding
Henry Peck	17	Aleki Pleasants
Luc Jeannot	18	Aleki Lutui
Jonathan Kpoku	19	Carl Burgess
Tom Ball	20	Austin Wallis
Joe Snow	21	Ewan Fenley
Ollie Betteridge	22	Josh Sharp
James Martin	23	Joe-Luca Smith

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AR2 TBC **Fourth** Andy Wigley



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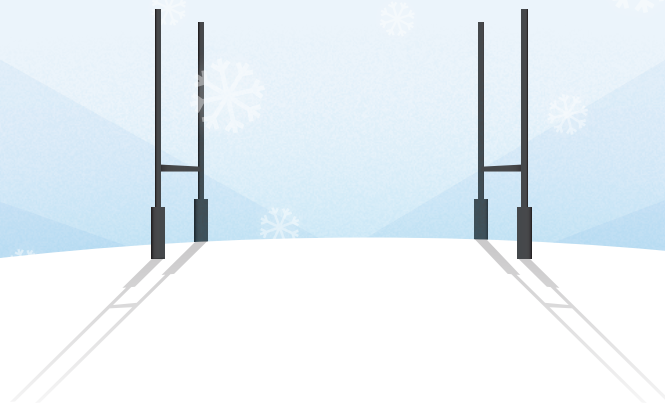
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DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

ROWLAND WINTER

Merry Christmas to all & welcome back to the BPA to everyone, including today's visitors Amptill.

We have had a disrupted week and due to positive covid cases and the knock on effect of identified close contacts, the following 8 players are unavailable for this weekend's game while they follow the RFU and NHS guidelines on isolation: Toby Trinder, Phil Boulton, Jake Bridges, Aaron Hinkley, Fin Ogden, Tom Curtis, Tony Fenner and Rob Knox.

Also unavailable due to injury are Jordan Poole, Rhys Thomas, Ben Meakin, Josh Bainbridge, Senitiki Nayalo, Tom Griffiths, Sam Aspland-Robinson, Tom Emery and Louis Brown. The majority of these players are expected to be fit to play within the next month, which is great news and will give us a big lift with many of the above being our more recognised starting players.

Regarding selection, Harry Clayton has joined up with the team having been part of our academy process in the summer alongside finishing his degree at Newcastle University. He is 21 and has impressed over the last few weeks of training and we are excited to see him play this weekend.

Despite the impact of injuries and covid on the squad availability, we have selected a strong squad who are all looking forward to the game on Sunday.

It is set to be a great occasion, it's exciting to be playing on Boxing Day & we are looking forward to being back at home playing in front of a big crowd!

Merry Christmas

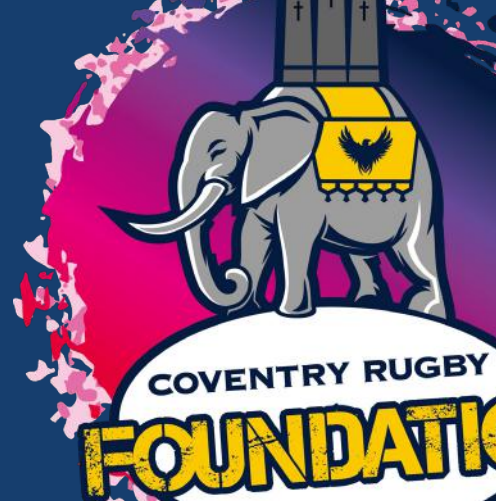
Rowland
Director of Rugby

Nex up at Butts Park...





COV IN THE COMMUNITY



It's been a very busy month for Coventry Rugby's Community department.

At the beginning of the month, the players joined the Community department on a festive visit to Sherbourne Friels School. Coventry have a great relationship with the school and attend weekly to lead sports lessons and assist generally. The group of players lead a range of activities to a two age groups with two players joining a separate group in an orienteering session in Coombe Abbey Park.



Unfortunately, the players were unable to make their usual annual visits to hospitals and hospices due to the strict Covid protocols that are in place to keep adults and children safe.

Last week on the run up to Christmas, the community department lead two camps - a two day HAF (Holiday, Activity and Food) and a two day Project 500 camp. Both camps are for disadvantaged children from the local community, helping to increase activity levels, have fun and make sure that they are fed well, with every child being sent home with food parcel.

The department have continued their matchday

takeover with local clubs and look forward to finishing the season off with a club booked in for each week.



If you are a member of a junior rugby and would like to take part in our TakeOver days next season then please email community@coventryrugby.co.uk for more information. All children that participate in this programme get a FREE season ticket!! And if anybody would like some more information on these new projects then please email community@coventryrugby.co.uk.





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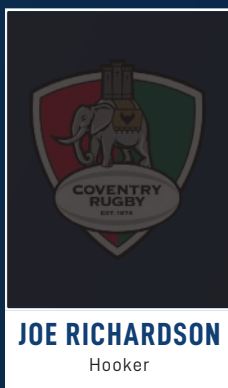


ADAM PETERS
Second / Back Row



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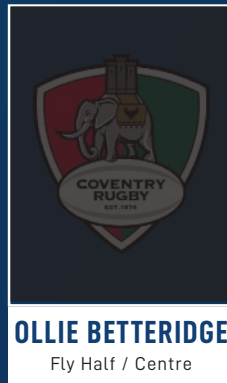
COVENTRY RUGBY DEVELOPMENT SQUAD



TOM BALL
Back Row



FRED BETTERIDGE
Back Row



OLLIE BETTERIDGE
Fly Half / Centre



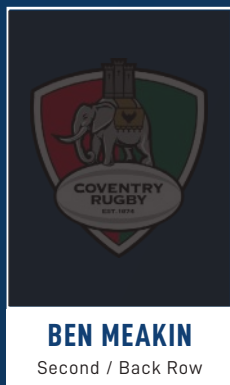
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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Boxing Day matches at the Butts Park have become something of an endangered article in recent times, so it is particularly pleasing to be able reverse that trend this afternoon.

In doing so, a warm welcome to the Ampt Hill squad, coaches, committee & supporters.

The earlier meeting at Dillingham Park brought about an away defeat, which sadly has become something of a trend this season. 7 penalty goals landed by fly half Russell Bennett made us pay, so with that factor alone in mind, there must be large amounts of motivation for the Cov squad to build upon this afternoon as they return after two successive matches away.

Fixtures between us are relatively new, the first being just six seasons ago in 2015/16. Whilst there have been two meetings in the Championship Cup which saw the home club succeed on both occasions, this festive clash is just the 10th overall in either National League One or more recently, the Greene King IPA Championship. The Ampt Hill win we referred to earlier brought the winning tally to 5-4 in their favour, as our Bedfordshire visitors seek their first win here at the BPA.

Under Director of Rugby Mark Lavery & the highly experienced Head Coach Paul Turner, Ampt Hill currently lie in 7th place & 3 points above us, so a bonus point win today would create a change there.

Last weekend on their home turf, Ampt Hill edged out Nottingham Rugby, a late try from centre three quarter Ben Cambriani sealing a 20 points -15 win. Two of their four wins have been achieved on their travels, both at the Athletic ground v London Scottish & more recently Richmond at the end of November; the latter by 38-36 in a 74 points thriller. Prior to last Saturday, three



games had been lost in succession.

There is just one member of the current Ampt Hill squad with a sort of link here to the BPA. Centre/full back Tom Hudson was here very briefly last season whilst on his way from Gloucester.

Cov's biggest win in this fixture came four seasons ago in 2017/18 by 63 points -14, whilst last sea-

son the margin in our favour was 26 pts -15, prior to the Pandemic cutting short the season.

Looking at the current situation, with our away form overall being disappointing, there is the situation here today for the squad, with home backing, to come good & finish 2021 on a high. The "Cov Dog", so evident in the comeback at Jersey two weeks ago, is certainly due to roar again, backed by that home support.

Meantime this being our final game here of the calendar year, your scribe would like to wish everyone, whatever colours you support, every good wish for 2022. Who knows what it will bring in this current difficult world we are living in, but let us be really positive & hopefully the good times will roll.

By John Butler





TWO TO WATCH

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Hooker Billy Harding, 28 (1.80m, 100kg) adds some Championship experience to the Amphill pack for the 2021-22 season - he made 31 appearances for London Scottish between 2018 and 2020 scoring 4 tries. Billy learnt to play the game with Scottish Juniors and Colts but made his senior rugby debut as a Hooker in New Zealand where he spent a year before returning to the UK with Stourbridge in National Two South and then joining Esher in National One.

BILLY HARDING



Full Back Tom Hudson, 26 (1.85m, 95kg) joined Amphill on loan from Gloucester last season and signed a contract with the club for the 2021-22 season.

Tom made his Amphill debut last March in a narrow defeat to Doncaster Knights, and went on to make 7 appearances scoring two tries, including a fine individual effort against old club Hartpury at Dillingham Park in the short 2021 season. Tom has moved to his preferred Centre position this season where he has formed a consistent partnership with Ben Cambriani.

TOM HARDING



WE'VE MET BEFORE



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The last time Coventry encountered Amphill was in Round 2 of the current Championship season. Off the back of a storming win in the first round, Cov fans were hoping for more from this game in question.

Coventry were actually the only team to get the ball past the try line with all of Amphill's points came from penalties.

Coventry have been looking forward to this game for weeks, and are sure to put in a fight on home-turf.

AMPHILL RUGBY

P Russell Bennett (6), Fin Smith

Ref Andrew Jackson

COVENTRY RUGBY

T Senitiki Nayalo, Ewan Ashman (2).

C Tom Curtis (2)





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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
6th November 2021 JO 3.00 pm

London Scottish A CHAMP
27th November 2021 KO 3.00 pm

Bedford Blues H CHAMP
4th December 2021 KO 3.00 pm

Jersey Reds A CHAMP
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
26th December 2021 KO 1.30 pm

Richmond Rugby A CHAMP
2nd January 2022 KO 3.00 pm

Hartpury University H CHAMP
15th January 2022 KO 3.00 pm

Ealing Trailfinders A CHAMP
22nd January 2022 KO 3.00 pm

Cornish Pirates H CHAMP
29th January 2022 KO 3.00 pm

Nottingham Rugby A CHAMP
11th February 2022 KO 7.45 pm

London Scottish H CHAMP
26th February 2022 KO 3.00 pm

Bedford Blues A CHAMP
12th March 2022 KO 2.00 pm

Jersey Reds H CHAMP
19th March 2022 KO 3.00 pm

League Table (Last update 26 Dec 2021)

2021/22 Championship

1	Ealing Trailfinders	10	8	0	2	495	191	304	8	1	41
2	Jersey Reds	10	7	1	2	290	193	97	7	2	39
3	Cornish Pirates	10	8	0	2	256	156	100	6	0	38
4	Doncaster Knights	11	8	0	3	290	194	96	4	0	36
5	Bedford Blues	10	5	0	5	302	285	17	7	2	29
6	Hartpury University	10	5	0	5	285	258	27	4	2	26
7	Ampthill	11	4	1	6	250	328	-78	4	1	23
8	Coventry	11	4	0	7	210	301	-91	2	2	20
9	Richmond	10	3	0	7	235	292	-57	4	3	19
10	Nottingham	10	3	0	7	198	354	-156	2	2	16
11	London Scottish	11	1	0	10	190	449	-259	2	2	8

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PLAYER	STARTS	AS SUB	TL APPS	TRIES	CONS	PENS	D GOALS	POINTS
Ewan Ashman		1	1	1				5
Josh Bainbridge	6		6	1				5
Tom Ball		5	5					
Josh Barton	7	4	11	3				15
Fred Betteridge	5	4	9					
Seb Blake		2	2					
Phil Boulton	9	2	11					
Louis Brown	2		2	1				
Ryan Burrows	7		7	3				15
Tom Curtis		3	3	1	5	1		18
Nile Dacres	9	2	11	1				5
Tom Emery	1		1					
Tony Fenner	8	3	11		8	7		37
Cal Ford	1	1	1					
Andy Forsyth	4		4					
Tom Griffiths	5	3	8	1				5
Aaron Hinkley	5	2	7	2				10
Tom Howe	5		5					
Will Hurd		5	5	1				5
Louis James	6		6	2				10
Luc Jeannot		3	3					
Rob Knox	10	1	11	1	1	1		10
Jonathan Kpoku	8	2	10					
Suva Ma'asi	4	1	5					
James Martin		2	2					
Evan Mitchell	4	3	7	1	5	5		30
Senitiki Nayalo	2		2					
Will Owen	6	2	8					
Jordon Poole	4		4					
Adam Peters	11		11	1				5
Dan Richardson	3	4	7					
Joe Richardson	3	6	9					
Sam Aspland-Robinson	3	1	4	2				10
Joe Snow	4	7	11	1				5
Tom Stanton	2	2	4					
Rob Stevenson	9		9	2				10
Rhys Thomas		4	4					
Toby Trinder	8	2	10					
Max Williams	2	1	3					
TOTAL								
HOME				26	19	14		210
AWAY				43	28	11		301

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