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THE TEAMS



ARMY SENIOR XV

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STARTING XV

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Joe Brock	15	SPR McDonald
James Martin	14	BRD Richards
Rob Knox	13	LCPL Fatiaki
Ollie Betteridge	12	CPL Tooth
Louis James	11	BDR O'Reilly
Evan Mitchell	10	SPR Johnson
Finn Ogden	09	LCPL Wheeldon
Luc Jeannot	01	CPL Smith
Joe Richardson	02	BDR Austin
Jake Bridges	03	SSGT Dowding
Ray Kanyasa	04	SGT Lewis
Geordie Irvine	05	SGT Parkins
Duane Willemson	06	PTE Kotobalavu
Tom Ball (C)	07	SGT Dawson (C)
Fred Betteridge	08	GNR Nayalo

REPLACEMENTS

Callum Burns	16	Capt Butler
Ollie Stone	17	LCPL Jenkinson
Josh Marsden	18	CPL Roberts
George Hallam	19	LCPL Matai
Cameron Taylor	20	LCPL Cakau
Sam Peppitt	21	CPL Brown
David Opoku	22	BDR Westwood
Quentin Blythe	23	SSGT Chennel

Additional Players: **Coventry** #24 Zac Byers. **Army** #24 2LT Smart, #25 PTE Vasuitoga.

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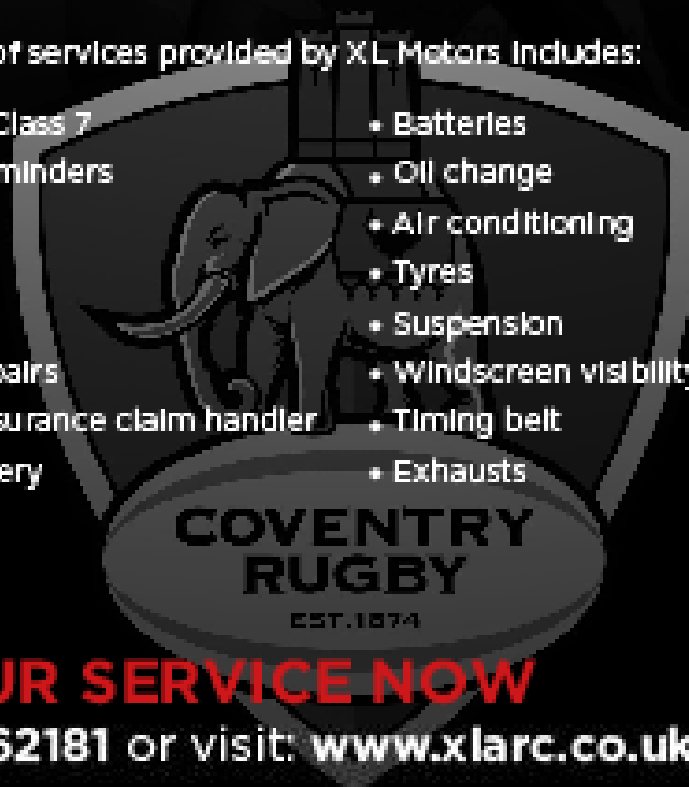


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Please give the very best of Coventry Rugby welcomes to the Army Rugby Union senior XV. Coventry Rugby has a strong history of association with Her Majesty's Armed Forces and the Army in particular, so we are pleased to welcome them back here to Butts Park Arena for today's fixture and to continue in our support for them.

The Army will be using today as part of their build up to the Inter Service competition, with them first meeting the RAF at Kingsholm, the home of Gloucester Rugby, on 26th April. (You may have been lucky enough to have been here last week when our academy team narrowly lost with the last kick of the match 38-39 to the RAF in an absolutely thrilling game).

After the RAF fixture, next up is what is undoubtedly the 'Big One', which is of course the Army v Navy fixture taking place at Twickenham stadium on 30th April. Always a packed house and a grand day out.

Playing for the Army today will be Coventry's own Sentiki Nayolo who is a Gunner in 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery. You may be perplexed to hear his teammates calling him 'Shane', which for some reason best known to his fellow soldiers is how Tiki is known within the regiment. We wish him well, but sincerely hope that he will neither damage himself nor any Cov players today!

We also welcome the fairer sex to our annual Ladies Day and hope you all have a great day out. The weather forecast is not great, but nothing can dampen good company enjoying good food and drink, plus of course, great sport!

C'mon Cov!!!

Jon Sharp
Executive Chairman



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Coventry Stampede - Coventry Rugby's official Wheelchair Rugby team are hosting Taster Sessions. Come and get **fit, develop your skills**, have **fun** and **socialise!**

WHEN?

10th, 17th, 24th, 31st **March**
and 7th, 14th **April 2022**
TIME 7-8PM

WHERE?

The Sports Connexion
Leamington Road, Coventry
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WHO/WHAT?

The sessions are for people with disabilities who are 12 years and over (Please note: Under 18 years will need a parent/legal guardian to complete an activity consent form).

What do you need?

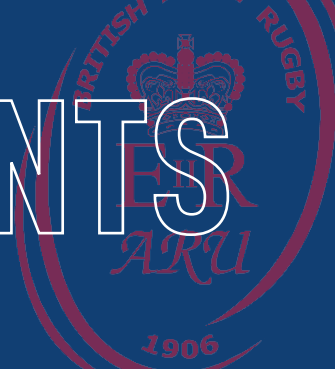
All equipment, including a rugby wheelchair is provided for the session, just bring some water to drink!



For more information and to reserve your place, contact msehmi@coventryrugby.co.uk – Mandip Sehmi, Coventry Stampede Wheelchair Rugby Development Officer.
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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

By John Butler



We extend a particularly warm welcome this afternoon to our visitors from the British Army, making a second visit here to the Butts Park Arena. Their players and officials are most welcome.

Members and supporters, if they cast their memories back to just pre COVID, they may recall the last game played here in the 2019/20 season early March 2020 before the pandemic struck and the season cut short was with our Development XV opposing the Army.

The meeting today will give a welcome opportunity for our squad to gain valuable match practice between league engagements, with there being so many gaps in the fragmented match programme this season has thrown up.

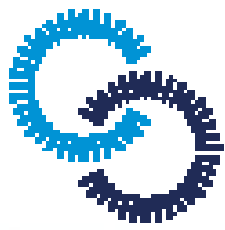
Next game of course in the Championship is away at Bedford next Friday evening, 11th March 2022, kick off at Goldington Road being 7.45pm.

In terms of the British Army, their squad is being built towards their annual Inter Services tournament with the Navy and Royal Air Force. That takes place during this month and April, with the Navy game in particular always drawing a big crowd to Twickenham.

The make up of the British Army squad for today's meeting was not known when these notes of welcome were compiled. Suffice to say we expect to be opposed by Gnr Senitiki Nayalo, who is serving in the Army and who had such a fine match for us in last week's win over London Scottish as he continued his recovery from the long injury lay off.

Enjoy the game.





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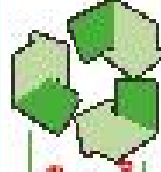
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2021/22 FIXTURES



Championship Rugby

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

Amphill 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

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

Richmond Rugby A CHAMP (POSTPONED)
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
12th March 2022 KO 2.00 pm

Jersey Reds H CHAMP
19th March 2022 KO 3.00 pm

League Table (Last update 4 Mar 2022, 21:27) 2021/22 Championship

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
1	Doncaster Knights	18	15	0	3	476	302	174	7	0	67
2	Cornish Pirates	16	13	1	2	423	247	176	9	0	63
3	Ealing Trailfinders	16	12	0	4	667	297	370	11	1	60
4	Jersey Reds	18	11	1	6	482	386	96	10	3	59
5	Bedford Blues	18	8	0	10	459	465	-6	9	3	44
6	Hartpury University	18	7	1	10	488	464	24	9	5	44
7	Amphill	18	8	1	9	387	445	-58	5	4	43
8	Coventry	17	7	0	10	373	473	-100	5	2	35
9	Richmond	16	5	1	10	363	422	-59	6	5	33
10	Nottingham	17	5	0	12	378	597	-219	6	3	29
11	London Scottish	18	1	1	16	305	703	-398	3	2	11

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SAT 26 FEB KO 15:00



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SAT 05 MAR KO 15:00



VS JERSEY REDS

SAT 19 MAR KO 15:00

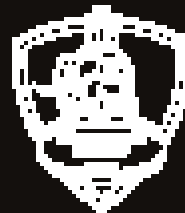
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