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COVENTRY RUGBY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



DAFFYD-RHYS TIUETI LEAPS OVER THE TRYLINE TO SCORE AGAINST AMPHILL AT THE BPA

**A**s we conclude Block One of the 2025/26 campaign, Coventry Rugby can reflect on a seven-game sequence that showcased our attacking ambition, growing squad depth, and the unmistakable character within this group. While not every result went our way, the performances across the block underline that this side is moving in a very encouraging direction. We began the season on the road at Worcester, where a dominant first half set the tone for our ambitions. The set-piece functioned superbly, our forwards controlled territory, and our physicality put Worcester under real pressure. Although the hosts rallied in the second half, the early performance demonstrated clearly that Coventry can impose ourselves on any side in the competition.

Our home opener against Bedford was a brilliant reminder of the power of Butts Park Arena. In front of a buzzing crowd, the squad delivered a determined, disciplined performance. Even when reduced to 14 men, the boys showed tremendous heart and managed the big moments superbly. It was the kind of win that reflects our identity: together, resilient, and committed. A trip to Chinnor followed, where a blistering start saw Cov race into a 19-0 lead playing some

of our most fluent attacking rugby of the block. Though we were disappointed not to maintain that standard across the full 80, the opening quarter highlighted just how dangerous we can be with tempo and accuracy. The lessons taken forward from this fixture will serve us well. Back home against Ealing, the squad produced passages of outstanding attacking rugby. Peter Sullivan's first-half hat-trick captured the quality we have across the backline, and we consistently caused problems for one of the league's most established sides. While the defensive lapses were frustrating, the ability to score from anywhere on the pitch is a major positive as we push deeper into the season.

The boys responded superbly at Richmond, delivering a ruthless second-half surge to secure a deserved bonus-point win. Our maul was dominant, decision-making was sharp, and the energy within the group was clear for all to see. It was a performance that showed growth and maturity - particularly in how we controlled the closing stages.

A challenging trip to Hartpury came next, and while the slow start proved costly, the reaction after half-time spoke volumes about the character of the squad. Cov scored freely,

controlled territory, and pushed Hartpury right to the final whistle. Although the result slipped away, the fightback was one of the most encouraging aspects of the block.

We closed Block One at home on Community Day against Ampthill, and the squad rose to the occasion magnificently. From the opening whistle, Cov played with ambition, precision, and collective hunger - producing one of our most complete performances to date. Running in a series of well-constructed tries in front of our community partners, supporters, and families made for a brilliant day at the BPA.

TOM BACON VENTURES FORWARDS INTO THE BEDFORD  
BLUES DEFENCE (RIGHT)



# RESULTS RECAP



## WORCESTER WARRIORS

04/10/25  
AWAY

29-19



## BEDFORD BLUES

11/10/25  
HOME

35-30



## CHINNOR

18/10/25  
AWAY

47-26



## EALING TRAILFINDERS

25/10/25  
HOME

36-63



"It was a good block for us in terms of getting to know each other as a group. We've learned a lot about each other and we're really excited about the next block. We're nowhere near the finished article, but I'm confident we'll get there."



**Alex Rae**  
Head Coach

## RICHMOND

01/11/25  
AWAY

17-52



## HARTPURY

08/11/25  
AWAY

36-31



## AMPTHILL

15/11/25  
HOME

68-26



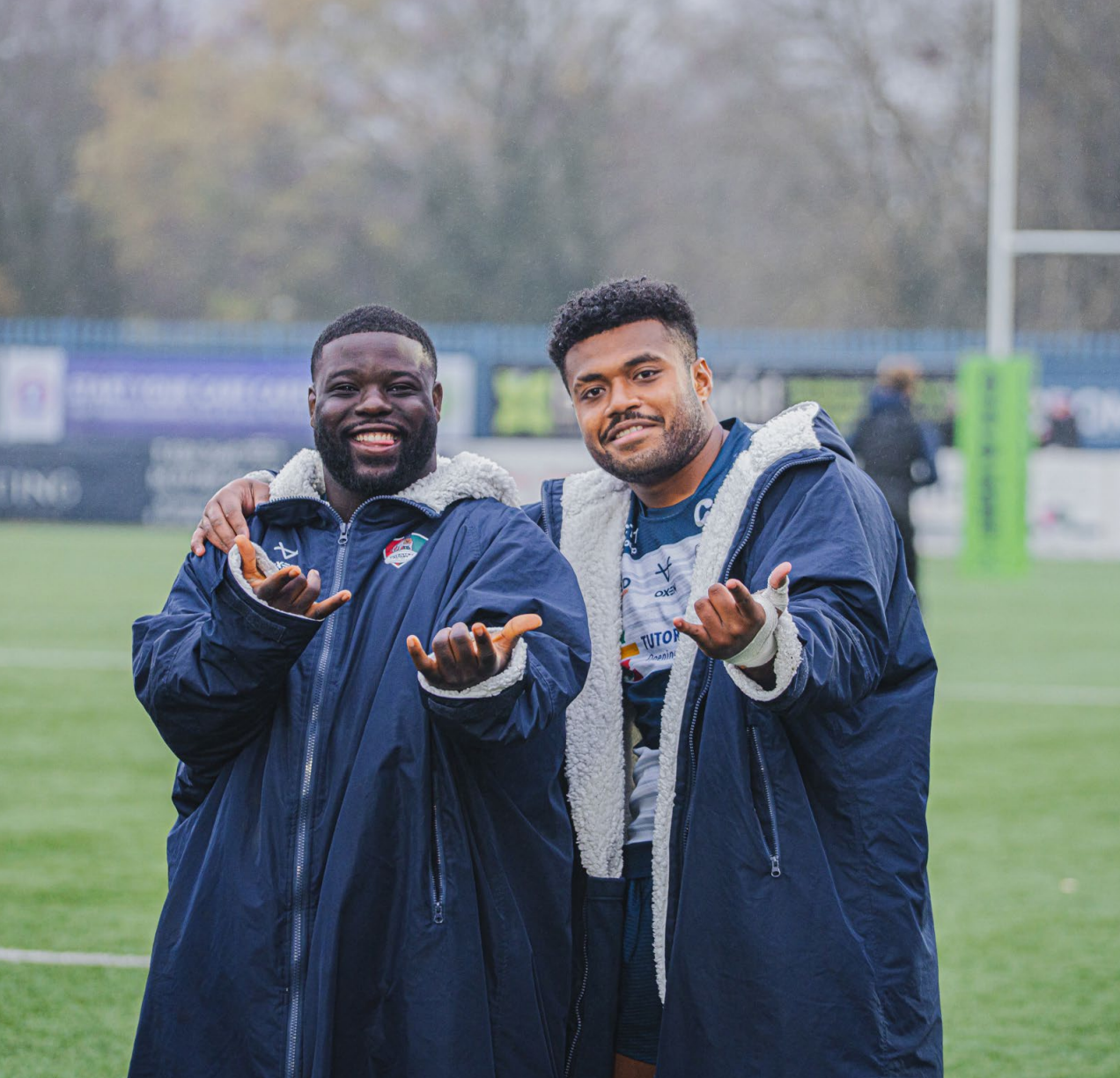
## PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

**A**s Coventry Rugby's Principal Partner, Tutors & Exams stands as a vital supporter of both our club and the wider educational community across the UK. Established to provide learners outside of mainstream education with access to nationally recognised examinations, Tutors & Exams has grown into the country's leading independent exams provider. Their commitment to widening participation and creating genuine educational opportunity mirrors the core values we champion at Coventry Rugby - community, accessibility, and ambition.

With a network of exam centres across England, Tutors & Exams supports thousands of private candidates each year, including home-educated students, adult learners, distance learners, and those seeking alternative pathways into higher education. Their team works tirelessly to ensure that every learner receives a professional, supportive, and welcoming exam experience. As Principal Partner, Tutors & Exams plays an active role in the life of the club. Their investment helps strengthen our foundations on and off the pitch, supporting community engagement, player development, and

the matchday experience our supporters enjoy. We're proud to stand alongside a partner whose dedication to opportunity and progress reflects our own aspirations. Coventry Rugby extends its sincere thanks to Tutors & Exams for their continued belief in our club and our community.





# THE BEST PHOTOS OF BLOCK ONE



# GOV IN THE COMMUNITY

Over the past term, our community has been actively involved in a wide range of meaningful projects designed to inspire, support, and develop young people across Coventry. One of our stand-out initiatives has been Project 500, which continues to support some of our most vulnerable children in our community during key school holiday periods.

The community coaching team have also been busy teaching in local schools, delivering high-quality physical education lessons, sport-specific workshops, and enrichment activities that engage pupils of all ages. These sessions not only promote physical wellbeing but also help build teamwork, communication, and resilience within each school community.

Our netball programme continues to thrive. Coaches have delivered sessions across schools and clubs, supported local competitions, and created opportunities

for young players to develop their talent within our U12, U16, and U17 Netball Academies.

Overall, it has been a productive period, with each project contributing to our mission of supporting young people, promoting physical activity, and raising aspirations across Coventry.

We are also excited to share that Walking Netball has now begun at Bishop Ullathorne School on Fridays 5-6pm. This inclusive, low-impact version of the sport is perfect for anyone returning to exercise, recovering from injury, or simply wanting to stay active at a gentler pace. Sessions focus on fun, movement, and social connection—making it a brilliant way to meet new people and enjoy being active. Whether you're a former player or completely new to the sport, everyone is encouraged to come along and get involved.

**Lesley Blair**  
Head of Community  
and Netball



# ACADEMY REWIND



Since September, the Coventry Rugby Academy has continued to build meaningful momentum across all areas of our programme. As we move into our U17 and U18 competition blocks, the past few months have strengthened both our on-field preparation and the wider structures that support our pathway.

A major highlight this season has been the growth of our Player Development Programme at U15 and U16. We were proud to welcome over 300 boys to trials—our largest intake to date. This reflects the strength of our widening regional footprint, with established PDP centres in Coventry and The Black Country now complemented by our expansion into Birmingham and Shropshire. These developments have enabled more young players than ever to engage with high-quality coaching and a clear, supportive route into the Academy.

As we look ahead to a demanding fixture calendar featuring Cardiff Blues, RGC, Edinburgh, Glasgow and others, we feel our U18 group is exceptionally well placed for the challenges ahead. It is a talented, committed squad that has prepared with real purpose, and the competitiveness shown throughout training and internal preparation phases gives us confidence that they are ready to attack this block with clarity and ambition.

We were also delighted to see Will Dorrell invited into an England Front 5 development camp. This recognition reflects his work ethic and the shared effort across our coaching and physical development teams to support his progression.

Our Senior Academy continues to develop well, with several players gaining valuable senior minutes each week across National League environments. We are proud to see our athletes running out for Banbury, Newport (Salop), Oxford Quins and Leicester Lions as part of their long-term development, ensuring they are exposed to the physicality, speed and demands of adult rugby.

Our partnerships have progressed significantly too. Our collaboration with The Futures Trust and Three Spires Rugby continues to broaden access and raise standards across the region. We are equally excited about the growth of our Fairfax Academy pathway and look forward to announcing our new South Warwickshire education partner shortly.

The Academy is well positioned as we enter the next phase of the season.

**Matt Jones**  
Academy Manager

## UPCOMING FIXTURES:

**U18 vs Cardiff Blues U18** - 17/12/25 - Cardiff Arms Park

**U18 vs RGC U18** - 04/01/26 - Butts Park Arena

**U18 vs Ealing Trailfinders U18** - 10/01/26 - Vallis Way



# PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

One of Coventry Rugby's Main Club Sponsors and a proud 2025/26 match shirt sponsor, Bromwich Hardy continues to play an integral role in supporting the club's growth, ambition, and connection with the wider community. Recognised as one of the Midlands' leading independent commercial property specialists, Bromwich Hardy has built a reputation for delivering outstanding results across sales, lettings, acquisitions, and consultancy. Their success stems from a simple principle: combining deep market knowledge with a genuine commitment to client care.

The partnership between Bromwich Hardy and Coventry Rugby reflects a shared belief in professionalism, hard work, and community impact. Their presence on this season's match shirt will embed them into every tackle, try, and defining moment on the pitch - a testament to their meaningful backing of the club's competitive goals.

Beyond their commercial property expertise, Bromwich Hardy has long championed Coventry's business community and contributed to the region's ongoing regeneration and economic momentum. Their support helps us continue to invest in our facilities, deliver a memorable matchday experience, and maintain strong performance standards across the club.



Coventry Rugby proudly stands alongside Bromwich Hardy. Their partnership and commitment to our future is greatly appreciated.

The Meriden Hospital is proud to partner with Coventry Rugby and support a club that plays such an important role in our local community. Looking after your health matters—whether you're on the pitch, cheering from the stands, or simply getting on with everyday life.

The hospital offers an extensive range of services, including



orthopaedics, physiotherapy, cardiac care, imaging, general surgery and health assessments. Many people turn to Meriden Hospital for support with joint pain, sports injuries, heart and digestive issues, or routine check-ups. With quick access to appointments and highly experienced consultants, patients receive clear, personalised advice and treatment tailored to their needs.

Meriden Hospital is known for its modern facilities and welcoming atmosphere. The team takes pride in offering one-to-one support and ensuring every patient feels fully listened to and cared for throughout their visit.

As part of Circle Health Group, Meriden Hospital is a trusted name in private healthcare. The hospital works with many well-known health insurers—including Bupa, Aviva, AXA Health, Vitality and Healix—making specialist treatment more accessible for individuals, families and organisations across the region.

To find out more about the services available or to book an appointment, contact the Meriden Hospital team on 02477 287 827 or visit [www.circlehealthgroup.co.uk](http://www.circlehealthgroup.co.uk).

**A**s one of Coventry Rugby's valued Main Club Sponsors, XL Motors plays a significant role in supporting the club's ambition, growth, and connection with the wider community. A trusted Coventry business for more than 30 years, XL Motors has established itself as a regional leader in accident and vehicle repair, known for delivering high-quality workmanship and exceptional customer care. Their ongoing investment in technology, training, and industry-leading standards has earned them a reputation for reliability and excellence.

In addition to their status as a Main Club Sponsor, XL Motors proudly holds the naming rights to our home ground, a partnership that reflects their deep and long-standing commitment to Coventry Rugby. The XL Motors Stand at Butts Park Arena is as a symbol of shared values – professionalism, pride, and community spirit – and their support helps strengthen key areas of club development, from en-

hancing facilities to enriching the matchday experience for supporters. XL Motors' dedication to the Coventry community extends beyond rugby, aligning closely with the club's belief in community engagement and local empowerment. We are proud to work alongside a partner whose passion for the city and its people matches our own.

Coventry Rugby sends its thanks to XL Motors for their continued support and for being an integral part of our journey.



## PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

# BEYOND THE TOUGHLINE

**C**oventry Rugby is proud to celebrate a period of outstanding commercial success, highlighted by the support of more than 60 dedicated club sponsors, the introduction of our new Business Club, and the exciting arrival of Tutors & Exams as our Principal Partners. This momentum reflects the club's growing reputation and the strong partnerships

we continue to build across the region.

The launch of the Coventry Rugby Business Club has created a dynamic platform for local and national organisations to connect, collaborate, and grow alongside the team. Offering exclusive events, networking opportunities, and behind-the-scenes access, the Business Club has quickly become a valuable hub for commercial engagement and community partnership.

Our extensive network of sponsors plays an essential role in strengthening the foundations of the club, enabling ongoing investment in player development, facilities, and supporter experiences. Each partnership represents a shared belief in Coventry Rugby's vision and long-term ambition. Welcoming Tutors & Exams as Principal Partners marks a significant milestone. Their commitment to education and opportunity aligns perfectly with our values, and we look forward to working together on initiatives that benefit both our fanbase and the wider community.

With a thriving Business Club and growing sponsorship network, Coventry Rugby is confidently building a bright future.

**Matt Cannon**  
General Manager





# PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

CTT Group stands as a key driving force behind Coventry Rugby's progress, serving both as a Main Club Sponsor and an official 2025/26 match shirt sponsor. A national leader in estate planning and associated legal services, CTT Group has built its reputation on trust, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to its clients. Their expertise in wills, trusts, financial planning, and professional advisory services has positioned them as a respected organisation delivering clarity and confidence in life's most important decisions.

CTT Group's partnership with Coventry Rugby goes far beyond branding. Their support strengthens crucial areas of the club's development — from first-team performance to long-term strategic growth — and their presence on the 2025/26 match shirt ensures they're part of every defining moment throughout the season. It's a collaboration shaped by shared values: ambition, integrity, and dedication to the communities we serve.

With strong Midlands roots, CTT Group's investment in Coventry Rugby reflects their commitment to backing local

excellence and contributing to the region's sporting landscape. We're proud to work alongside an organisation whose forward-thinking approach matches our own ambitions for the future.

We are deeply grateful for CTT Group's continued dedication and support.



# UPCOMING AT THE BPA



## DATE

## EVENT

## TICKET INFO

DEC  
6

**Coventry Rugby VS London Scottish**  
With a Christmas Themed Hospitality

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DEC  
12

**Winter Wonderland at the BPA**  
Sharer party

CONTACT: [EVENTS@COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK](mailto:EVENTS@COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK)

DEC  
20

**Coventry Rugby VS Nottingham**  
With a Christmas Themed Hospitality

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