



RFU Intermediate Cup Final

Kenilworth Ladies v Supermarine Ladies
Saturday 21st April 2018

It has been another fantastic season for Kenilworth Ladies and today we are at Cheshunt RFC for the final of the Intermediate Cup as they take on Swindon-based side Supermarine Ladies. It is the first time our Ladies have reached a cup final and it is a fantastic achievement, not just for the side but for the club as a whole.

Since joining Kenilworth RFC back in the summer of 2015, the Ladies section has been a real success. It started with just a handful of girls throwing a rugby ball around in a Leamington park but the club now has over 40 registered players. The side won 10 of their 14 fixtures in their first season before going on to win the league the following year to gain promotion at the first time of asking. They have backed up that success this season winning 26 of their 27 league, Cup and development matches, including 13 out of 14 league fixtures to see them finish top of Women's NC Midlands 1.

Their opposition for today's Cup final is Supermarine Ladies, a side with strong military connections. Following the coastal bombing of Britain in the Second World War, production of the famous

Supermarine Spitfire was moved to South Marston which lies on the outskirts of Swindon, Wiltshire. It was here that a total of 121 Spitfires were built. In 1950, Vickers bought the factory and continued to test and modify new aircraft on the purpose-built airstrip and Supermarine Sports Club was founded.

So far this season Supermarine Ladies have played 12 league matches, winning seven and losing five. They currently sit in fourth place in Women's Championship 1 North, six points behind Novocastrains Ladies. Their route to the final saw them secure victory over Reading before earning a home walkover against Newbury. That was followed by beating Bletchley in January before victories over Ellingham & Ringwood and Plymouth Albion, in the quarter finals and semi finals respectively, booked their place in today's final.

Today's encounter is set to be a hugely exciting one. The Ladies have played some fantastic rugby all season, scoring some brilliant tries, and they really deserve their place in the final. Whatever the result today, the whole of Kenilworth RFC is really proud of what they have achieved - long may it continue! Good luck, Ladies!

Kenilworth's impressive semi final comeback

The Ladies reached today's Intermediate Cup semi final with a thrilling 29-24 victory over Bury St Edmunds at Glasshouse Lane last month. Kenilworth were level with Bury at half time, thanks to tries from Kirsty Davie and Stav Williams, before the visitors took control of the match in the second half, putting themselves into a seemingly comfortable 24-12 lead with less than ten minutes to go. Kenilworth had other ideas however, and Stav Williams added to her first half try to set the comeback in motion with just five minutes remaining.

Some superb work from the pack then took Kenilworth to within five metres of the Bury line. The ball was whipped out to the left and speedy winger Sophie Henry was on hand to dance past the defence and score. That try cut the gap to two points with just two minutes to play, setting up a grandstand finish.

It was then that Williams was on hand to break through the defence and touch down under the posts for her hat trick to book Kenilworth's place in the final in

dramatic style. Speaking after the match, Kenilworth's captain, Rebecca Hill, said: "It was a really tough fixture this afternoon that required us to dig deep to get the win.

"Bury threw everything at us and it was a really physical encounter, but I'm just so proud of all the team for sticking at it and not giving up."

Route to the final

Sunday 15th October – Old Northamptonians
(Away – 10-55)

Sunday 19th November – Five Ways Old Edwardians
(Home – 81-5)

Sunday 7th January – Wymondham
(Away – 17-23)

Sunday 25th February – Barnsley
(Home – 26-24)

Sunday 25th March - Bury St Edmunds
(Home - 29-24)

Current league table – 2017/18 Women's NC Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
Kenilworth	14	13	0	1	368	8	0	60
Olney	14	10	0	4	315	8	2	50
Five Ways Old Edwardians	14	9	0	5	193	7	3	46
Lutterworth	13	8	0	5	53	5	3	40
Bridgnorth	14	6	1	7	124	3	2	31
Old Northamptonians	14	5	1	8	-273	2	0	24
Rugby Lionesses	13	2	0	11	-159	2	5	15
Wellingborough	14	1	0	13	-621	1	1	6



Janine McComiskey



Ada Ajoku

Player Sponsors

Player	Sponsor
Alexandra Clay	Almond Maintenance
Becki Coombe	The Learn2 Group
Beth Woodward	Tour TShirts 4U
Caroline Spence	The Dirty Dozen (private)
Claire Penna	PSM Electrical Services
Elena Dacullo	The Learn2 Group
Felicity Baldwin	W Denis Insurance Brokers plc
Fran Dargan	Gail Fleming (private)
Janine McComiskey	Dunchurch Pools Marina
Jodie Turpin	Anonymous (on behalf of the charity Headway)
Lexi Mackee	KPMG
Natalie Snodgrass	A H Dental
Tan	
Phoebe Howles	Cotswolds Distillery
Rebecca Hill	Elizabeth Davenport Estate Agents
Sarah-Katy Davies	Warwick Books
Sophie Henry	BJ Contractors
Tily May Bridger	Barefoot Photographics



Player Profile



Stav Williams

DOB: 02/01/1996 · **Birthplace:** Jerusalem, Israel

Height: 5' 2" · **Position:** Centre/wing/full back

Previous clubs (with years):

Southport RFC (2016-17)

University (with years):

Edge Hill University (2014 - 17)

Honours (with years):

Lancashire (2017), Warwickshire (2018)

Favourite ground: Principality Stadium

Best rugby moment: Scoring the winning try in the semi final against Bury St Edmunds

Greatest ambition: Empower women around the world

Most admired player: Rebecca Hill

Greatest influence: My parents

Favourite food: Watermelon

Favourite band/artist: Westlife

Favourite film: The Pursuit of Happiness

Beer or lager: Neither - Malibu!

Other interests: Camping

Today's Teams - Saturday 21st April 2018

Kenilworth Ladies

Head Coach: Tim Burden

- 15..... Stav Williams
14..... Sophie Henry
13..... Felicity Baldwin
12..... Fran Dargan
11..... Phoebe Howles
10..... Rebecca Lewis
9..... Rebecca Hill (c)
1..... Claire Roberts
2..... Claire Penna
3..... Lexi Mackee
4..... Christie Foster
5..... Jodie Turpin
6..... Kirsty Davie
7..... Janine McComiskey
8..... Caroline Spence

Substitutes:

- 16..... Siobhan Allison-Moore
17..... Sarah-Katy Davies
18..... Ada Ajoku
19..... Alexandra Clay
20..... Cath Lyon
21..... Elena Ma Dacullo
22..... Aisling Straver

Supermarine Ladies

Coach: Jamie Barrett

- 15..... Bel Martin
14..... Alex Barnes
13..... Harriet Pearson
12..... Louise Gray
11..... Sarah Humphries
10..... Claire Legg
9..... Natalie Williams
1..... Aileen Douglas
2..... Yasmin Dowell
3..... Frances Brewer
4..... Donna-marie Mulholland
5..... Naomi Ball
6..... Theresa Bickell
7..... Claire Chard
8..... Lucy King

Substitutes:

- 16..... Nikki King
17..... Carla Parfitt
18..... Nicci Kewell
19..... Ellis Sian
20..... Antonia Wozencroft
21..... Emily Bagguley
22..... Hannah Walton-Kinross