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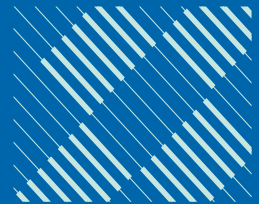
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Good evening everyone and welcome back to Goldington Road as we host our first Friday Night Lights fixture of 2025 with the visit of Coventry.

Everyone is fully aware of just how important tonight's match is in terms of league position with ourselves and Coventry deadlocked on 38 points in the table and separated by just a +15 points differential. You may have seen some of the other statistics we've shared on social media this week – there's virtually no difference between the sides.

That means you, our #BluesFamily, could make all the difference in getting Mike and the boys over the line as we look for a third home victory in succession. To have over 8,000 through the turnstiles in our last two Goldington Road outings is an incredible show of support and we hope you continue to make as much noise as possible again tonight.

It's been a while since we tasted victory over Coventry in league competition and this will be a tough challenge. But confidence is high in the changing room and with strong support behind the team, everything is possible.

2nd vs 3rd in the Championship, these are the games we want to be involved in. Huge credit to the squad for the hard work they have put in to get us into this position halfway through the league schedule.

We continue to look at innovative ways to increase our non-matchday attendance at Goldington Road and I'm really excited for the return of Sporting Stories a week on Thursday with some esteemed guests from the worlds of rugby and cricket visiting us in the next few instalments.

Checkout the club website for all the latest developments and continue to back your club.

I hope everyone has a great night and do join us back in two weeks' time as former club captain Rich Lane returns with Bristol Bears in the Premiership Rugby Cup.

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James Stonor



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FROM THE COACHES

TEAM TALK



Mike Rayer Director of Rugby

Good evening everyone and welcome back to Goldington Road as we prepare for an extremely important league clash with Coventry under the lights.

We are very pleased to welcome back Alex Rae, his coaching team, playing squad and fans here to Bedford for what I'm sure will be another exciting occasion as the two best supported clubs go head-to-head with league position at stake.

With this our final league outing for two months, we of course want as strong a performance as possible before turning attentions to the Premiership Rugby Cup throughout February.

As a coaching staff, we have been really pleased with lots of aspects of our performance in the past two home games against Cambridge at Christmas and last Saturday against Amptihill. Both were played in-front of large attendances, and we are expecting nothing different again tonight – Friday Night Lights are always pretty special occasions here at Goldington Road.

There are still things we want to improve upon, there always will be, but the most important thing is that

we're coming out on the right side of games more often than not so long may that continue.

We won't dress it up, tonight is going to be one of the toughest challenges we'll face all season in the Championship. Coventry have had our number for a couple of seasons now, they have threats all over the field, but we've focused on ourselves again this week and how we can best impact on the game.

Six day turnarounds always bring around certain challenges but it's the same for both teams and we are fortunate to have more of the squad getting off the treatment table.

Continue to get behind the boys tonight as we know there'll be moments in the game where we'll really need our #BluesFamily in full voice. Make yourselves heard and we'll try to deliver the suitable result.

Come On You Blues!

Mike Rayer

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For the first of our 2025 Friday Night Lights fixtures we extend a warm welcome to the players, coaches, Officials and supporters of Coventry Rugby Club and to all Blues Supporters. We hope for an enjoyable game.

Our recent encounters with Coventry have not always gone our way so tonight we hope the tide will turn. Your vocal support is essential to encourage the team. We wish the team all the best.

Last Saturday's game with Ampthill provided an excellent result with us moving into second place, so tonight's match is very important. There were moments in the match when the result could have gone either way, but an excellent team performance meant we came away with 5 points.

We will soon enter a period of away matches. Bath on Sunday 2nd February then Ampthill on Saturday 15th February – both in the Premiership Cup – and Hartpury on 22nd March in league competition. If you wish to travel to any of these games, please let me know as soon as possible, either in the Followers Office on Match Days or by ringing me on 01234 354708.

Recently several people have been left disappointed as the coach has been full – so book early to ensure your place.

There are still Membership books to be collected from the Followers Office for those members who have already joined. If you have not already done so, why not join today! The cost is £10 for the season. All relevant Followers information can be found on the website or call into the Followers Office for further information.

The players greatly appreciate the vocal response from supporters during the game and frequently state how much it means to them so let's hear a really loud Goldington Road roar today.

Margaret Appleton

Outings / Membership Secretary



MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

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WOMEN



Promotion will probably have to wait for at least another season as Bedford Blues Women surrendered the ascendancy at the top of the table with a disappointing 32-24 home defeat against Stamford Women.

Everyone can have an off day, and Eddie Rennell's side never really got going in this one to see the gap grow that little bit wider to Peterborough at the top of the table and take destiny out of their hands ahead of the season run in.

Claire Cranfield and Berri Clarke both scored twice to continue their own purple patches of form, but they were always against the curve in terms of the scoreboard at Goldington Road.

There were positives, and things to take forwards into a busy February/March schedule, but this will go down as a 'what could have been' afternoon in terms of performance, result and league position.



BEDFORD BLUES WOMEN STARTING XV:

15. Emma Graham, 14. Claire Cranfield, 13. Alyce Trude, 12. Emma Hunter, 11. Claire Cranfield, 10. Lucy Middleton (C), 9. Laura Stephens; 1. Emily McBarron, 2. Kelly O'Flaherty, 3. Millie Rennell, 4. Catherine Chambers, 5. Kelly Hodgson, 6. Elena Famiglietti, 7. Megan Solomon, 8. Alivia Usher-Harris

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A fixture with a lot of history between two old rivals, Bedford Blues v Coventry is one of the most common occurrences in the records books stretching back as far as 1894. This is the 190th competitive meeting between the pair.



In fact, Bedford have only faced Northampton Saints on more occasions than the West Midlands outfit, and while they trail quite significantly in terms of the overall standings in the fixture, they did win the most important game between the pair during the 1975 RFU Club Competition semi-final at Goldington Road as Bedford progressed to the final at Twickenham and lifted the trophy thanks to a success over Rosslyn Park.

Founded in 1874, Coventry Rugby Club – or 'Cov' – as they are most commonly nicknamed – are an extremely historic and traditional side, regarded as one of England's foremost clubs. They are trying to live by that moniker in the present day with big ambitions, and recently made their promotion bid clear with a formal application made public.

While some of their recent results now make chances of finishing top of the league less likely than before the turn of December, Coventry will not give up their hopes easily and will be desperate to keep on chasing down current pace setters, Ealing Trailfinders.

Coventry have had Bedford's number a little bit in recent years with Blues searching for

a first success over old rivals in league competition since before the pandemic. Mike Rayer's side weren't at their best in the West Midlands earlier this season, but will have a strong vocal backing behind them under the Goldington Road lights.

Multiple players have worn the shirts of both sides, and many will feature this evening; namely the likes of Alex Woolford, Louis James, Jamie Jack and Ryan Hutler among others throughout history.

As always, we welcome Coventry to Goldington Road for tonight's game.



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COVENTRY TWO TO WATCH



Senitiki Nayalo

NUMBER EIGHT

Always handy for a try against Bedford, Senitiki Nayalo has become a real thorn in the side over his several seasons at Butts Park Arena – even going so far as to score in the Mobbs Memorial Match for the British Army in previous times.

The Fijian initially came to the UK back in 2013 to serve in the armed forces and featured for Harlequins in 2014 and 2015 across the Singha 7s competitions.

His first foray into the 15-a-side format came with London Irish, where he made 15 appearances, before he went north of the border to join Edinburgh where he played a number of games in the 2018-19 campaign.

He's been with Coventry ever since and has made 87 appearances ahead of tonight's game. Away from rugby, Nayalo currently serves in 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery.



Charlie Robson

FULL BACK

A revelation in his debut Championship campaign, Charlie Robson has proved to be a useful asset for Coventry as they sought to replace the likes of Pat Pellegrini and Tobi Wilson heading into this season.

He made an impressive cameo appearance off the bench against Bedford for his second-tier debut back in September and has since gone on to represent Coventry on 12 occasions, including a particularly stand out showing in victory at Premiership heavyweights, Leicester Tigers.

Robson alerted Coventry to his services following a couple of standout years at Rams as the Berkshire club finished runners up in successive campaigns to Cambridge and Chinnor.

Prior to that, Robson had been plying his trade for Cobham RFC having also been attached to Ealing's junior academy in his teenage years. He has previously been involved with England 7s.

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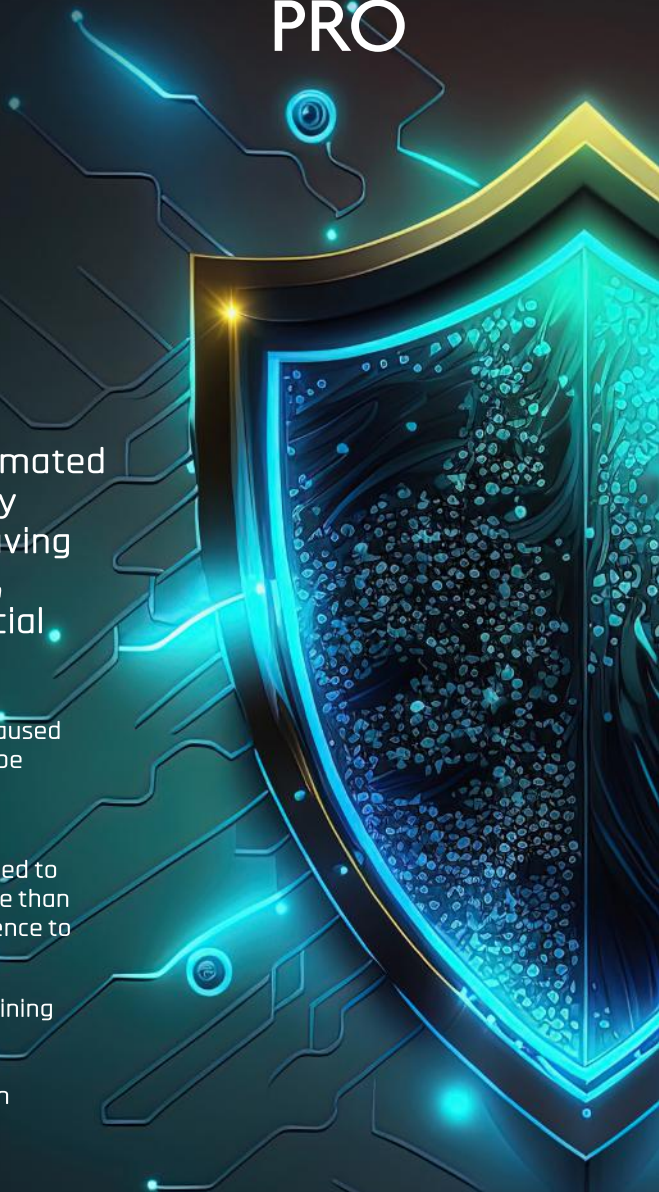
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Liverpool vs Chelsea. No idea what year mind.



...SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT YOU CHECK IN THE MORNING?

Instagram (After Hinge).



...BROKEN BONE?

Never broken a bone, touch wood.



...CRUSH?

Sydney Sweeney.



...PET?

Goldfish called Speedy.



...THING YOU DO AFTER A MATCH?

Eat ice cream.

LAST...



...THING YOU BOUGHT?

An air freshener.



...TIME YOU CRIED?

Leaving Fred Tuilagi on a Tuesday night.



...THING YOU GOOGLED?

How to clear search history.



...SPORTING EVENT YOU ATTENDED?

Northampton Steelbacks v Birmingham Bears.



...HOLIDAY YOU WENT ON?

Albufeira in the Summer.



...PERSON YOU CALLED?

My mum.



...TV SERIES THAT HAD YOU HOOKED?

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...SONG YOU LISTENED TO ON SPOTIFY?

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...PLAYER YOU'D WANT TO SHARE A HOTEL ROOM WITH?

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

LOUIS
JAMES

As he prepares to face his former club, Louis James talks about one of the biggest games of the season as Coventry come to town under the lights.



THE BIG INTERVIEW

LOUIS JAMES

Let's start by talking about tonight's game, Louis. What sort of test are you expecting from Coventry under the Friday Night Lights?

Obviously this is a big game, it's second vs third, so it'll be a big challenge for both teams and it could really go either way.

For ourselves, we just want to keep building after a couple of really good performances in recent weeks. If we put our best foot forwards, then we'll always stand a chance and all of us within the squad are excited for the challenge that awaits us tonight.

Hopefully the magnitude of the game will make it a really good occasion in-front of a packed-out Goldington Road.

Coventry are a club you spent a lot of time with so I'm sure there'll be many familiar faces in their travelling squad. Does that add any extra spice going into the game from a personal standpoint?

Does it add a little something extra, yes it probably does, but that doesn't mean I'll be doing anything differently in terms of the game with preparation – it's the same principles from myself and I'll be looking to win just as much as I do in every other game.

At the end of the day, you go out on a rugby field to try and win every game regardless of what opposition you're facing and that doesn't change. All I've been thinking about is how I can impact on the game as I do going into every match.

There are a lot of familiar faces still at Coventry, but I haven't spoken to anyone specifically about the game, we've all been focused on preparing right and doing what we have to do. I'm sure we'll all catch up over a beer in the marquee after the final whistle.

A lot of players often speak about how special Friday Night Lights fixtures are here at Goldington Road. You've played in a fair few already in your fledgling Blues career; what are your thoughts?

I really enjoy them. The crowds are definitely a bit louder; you hear them that bit more when you're on the pitch – maybe that's down to a few beers before the game and letting off a bit of steam after work.

It is nice to enjoy an extra day of the weekend and an extra day off work – I never work on a Friday! 100% they're great occasions and we've got a couple more coming up soon which is exciting – we need our Blues Family in fine voice tonight to try and pull us through.

This is the final league fixture before the Premiership Rugby Cup takes command in February. How much are you looking forward to those games against some of the best in the business?

I won't lie, I've been looking forward to going to Bath away ever since the fixtures were announced. I've always wanted to play at The Rec, and it does add that little bit extra in terms of them currently being the Premiership leaders.

We know we'll have to take our 'A' game and try to put our best foot forward. The game is on TV as well but for me, that just means more friends and family are watching. You can't think about it, just do the same principles going into it.

But before we can get to those games, we've got a big one tonight and that's been our main focus since our Derby Day victory last weekend.



Just to finish, let's talk a little personally. A couple of months into your Bedford career and you look like you're enjoying yourself. How are you finding things?

Really enjoying it and I'm excited to see where we end up at the end of the season. As a team, we're in a good spot at the minute, but we're determined to keep on improving and pushing forwards.

Looking wider afield, the balance of rugby and work is perfect for me. It's good to take your mind off rugby and focus on work sometimes, and obviously vice versa as well.

Doing both makes you feel excited to come to training and see the boys because you've been working all day and you're ready to get out onto the training field.

...I've always wanted to play at The Rec, and it does add that little bit extra in terms of them currently being the Premiership leaders. //





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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

by Marie Davies



JACK HUGHES

Hooker

2021- 2023. 55 appearances. 13 tries.

It was great to welcome former player Jack Hughes to Goldington Road last Saturday to reunite with his Bedford teammates and to enjoy our win vs Ampthill.

Jack had converted to hooker at Northampton Saints and first arrived at Goldington Road on dual-registration for the truncated 2021 campaign. That 'mini-season' he made five appearances, scoring one try. His game time increased considerably in the 2021-22 season, and he finished the season as our highest-scoring forward. His versatility to also play in the back row was a bonus.

Director of Rugby, Mike Rayer on signing Jack for the 2022/2023 season made the following comments.

'Since joining us Jack has been so consistent and durable. That's what I like about Jack and he's an incredible character in the changing room. I've said many times before that I can sign rugby players all day long, but I can't sign characters, they just happen, and Jack is definitely one of them!'

Jack writes:

'I was born in London where my father was Chairman of the London Broncos Rugby League Club for twenty-seven years, stepping back at the end of the 2024 Super League season. He was a big influence on me getting into rugby in the first place, as I went to the Broncos' every week when I was a child.

When I was thirteen, I went to Uppingham School, where I played my first serious rugby. Nick de Luca, the ex-Scottish centre, David Beggs and Robin Hardman were my very influential coaches. At the end of my Uppingham school days, I was selected to play for England's U18s and went on tour with them to South Africa, where I played against Wales, France, and South Africa.

After leaving school, my first club was Northampton Saints. I spent two years there, and in the middle of my second season, I joined Bedford on loan. At the end of the 2021 season, I joined Bedford full-time, but only on a six-month contract - lasting two great years until the summer of 2023.





2021-22 TEAM PHOTO

I made so many friends. There are too many teammates from 2021-23 to name personally. I would end up listing most of the team! That was our strength in those two years, finishing in the Top 4 in both seasons. We had an unbelievable team spirit on and off the field - probably the best I've experienced! The three stand-out games for me were the two Boxing Day games I played, 2021 v Jersey and 2022 v Amptill. Both brought in 4,000-plus crowds and both resulted in great wins. The third stand-out game was v Ealing Trailfinders away in the 2021/22 season. We had been on a patchy run and then went to Ealing and beat them convincingly - great day! I always liked the challenge of playing at Cov and enjoyed our visits to the London grounds.



Off-field - I'll certainly struggle to mention everything. Joey Conway has to get a special mention here as we organised and had some great laughs! For example, the coach trip back from a Cornish Pirates win in 2022 went down in history (the less said the better). We had a party bus from St. Albans to London after our end-of-season social in 2023 and the 2022 squad trip to the Brecon Beacons was a 'ripper'. I mustn't forget the atmosphere in the marquee after 'big wins' and beers on the bus after away wins were the stand-outs from my time at Bedford. Credit must go to Mikey Rayer for his organisational skills!

It was a tough call to leave Bedford, but I had always wanted to give Rugby League a 'go' and, of course, especially the Broncos. I joined on trial for the end of the 2023 season, where we went on an unbelievable run against all the odds and won promotion in Toulouse to gain promotion back to the Super League for 2024. I made my Broncos debut that year against Warrington Wolves in the Challenge Cup and a week later my Super League debut against Hull KR. I went on to play more games that season, but unfortunately, the Broncos finished bottom on points difference, and were due to be relegated regardless, at the end of 2024. It was a brilliant experience playing for the club I had supported since birth. Up next for me - I'm still assessing my rugby options for 2025...

The only other thing I'd like to add is that Bedford is a truly special club. It's unique and run exceptionally well by the Board, the staff and, of course, Mike and his coaching team.

I had a great return visit to Goldington Road last Saturday to watch the Blues' terrific 45-24 win vs. Amptill in front of a great 3,000-plus crowd! It was great to meet up with former teammates and experience the exceptional hospitality provided by Joey Conway! Good luck for the rest of the season!



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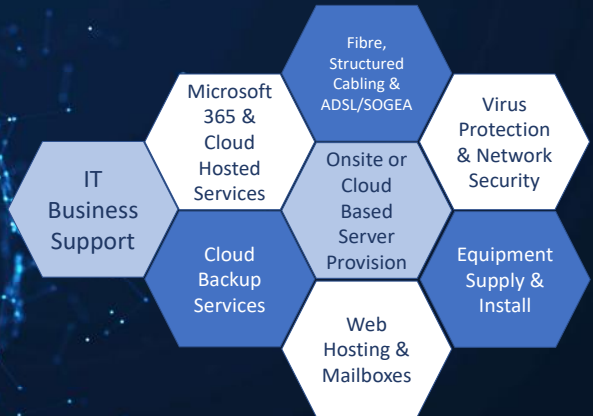
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BEDFORD BLUES

- T** Matavesi (2), Tuilagi, Howard,
Adamson, Smith
C Maisey (6)
P Maisey



AMPHILL

- T** Bracken, Jackson, Beaton
C Johnson (3)
P Johnson



Bedford Blues ensured local bragging rights stayed well and truly at Goldington Road with a six-try showing against neighbours Amphill.

Mike Rayer's men were at their divine best with some scintillating attacking rugby blended with solidarity in defence to take the full five points and set up tonight's 2nd vs 3rd thriller under the lights.

Man of the Match Joel Matavesi scored twice, while there were important scores from forwards trio Fred Tuilagi, Joe Howard and George Smith.

It wouldn't be a Goldington Road matchday without a Dean Adamson try and he got another to rise to 139 in total – and just seven away from becoming the greatest ever marksman in club history.



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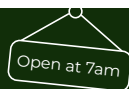
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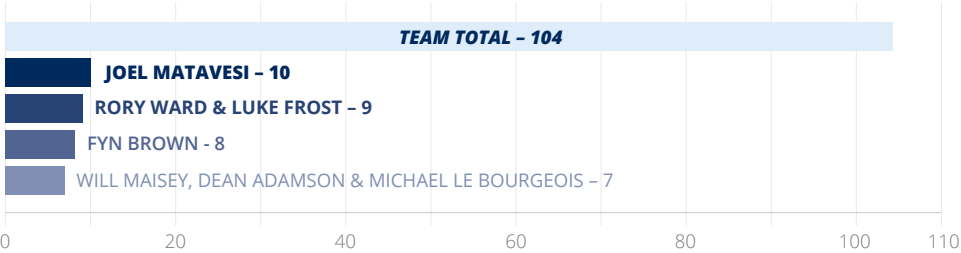
The perfect way to kickstart 2025 as Bedford Blues secured a morale boosting bonus point victory over Amptill in the Battle of Bedfordshire.

It was an interesting battle and showcased multiple facets of Bedford's game this season, with it requiring a full all-round performance to get the job done in-front of a raucous home support.

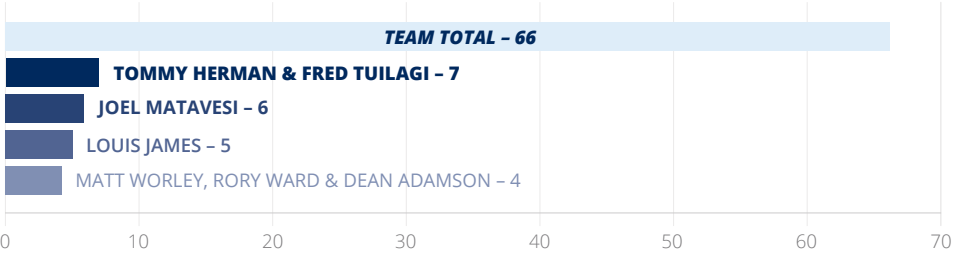


Here's what we learned last time out at Goldington Road...

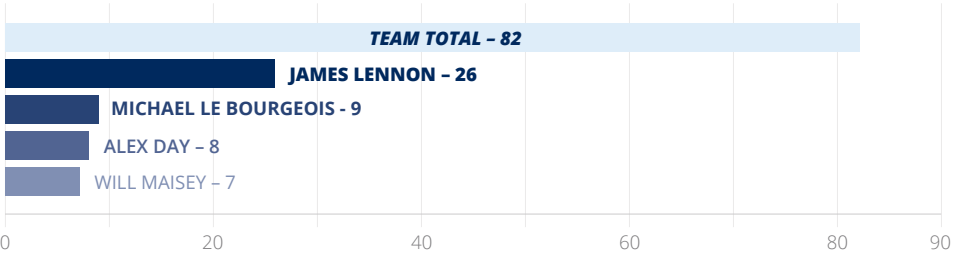
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2024/25 SEASON FIXTURES, RESULTS & TABLES

FIXTURES

Championship & Cup

OPPONENT RESULT

Caldy	H	CHAMP	W	45-19
SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2024				
Coventry	A	CHAMP	L	7-45
SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2024				
Hartpury Uni	H	CHAMP	W	35-32
SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2024				
Cornish Pirates	A	CHAMP	W	28-24
SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024				
Doncaster Knights	H	CHAMP	W	34-18
SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024				
Bristol Bears	A	CUP	L	19-67
SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024				
Amphill	H	CUP	W	26-6
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2024				
Bath	H	CUP	L	7-21
SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2024				
Nottingham	A	CHAMP	W	17-10
FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024				
Ealing Trailfinders	H	CHAMP	L	17-25
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024				
London Scottish	A	CHAMP	W	22-20
SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024				
Chinnor	A	CHAMP	L	5-18
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 2024				
Cambridge	H	CHAMP	W	50-7
SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 2024				
Amphill	H	CHAMP	W	45-24
SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025				
Coventry	H	CHAMP		
FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2025				
Bath	A	CUP		
SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025				
Bristol Bears	H	CUP		
FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025				
Amphill	A	CUP		
SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2025				
Hartpury Uni	A	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025				
Cornish Pirates	H	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025				
Doncaster Knights	A	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2025				
Nottingham	H	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2025				
Ealing Trailfinders	A	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025				
London Scottish	H	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 3 MAY 2025				
Amphill	A	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 10 MAY 2025				
Cambridge	A	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025				
Chinnor	H	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 24 MAY 2025				
Caldy	A	CHAMP		
SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025				

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2024/25 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

Updated 20.1.25



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/−	BP	PTS
1 Ealing Trailfinders	11	10	0	1	548	213	335	11	51
2 Bedford Blues	11	8	0	3	305	242	63	6	38
3 Coventry	11	8	0	3	301	253	48	6	38
4 Nottingham	11	6	0	5	297	217	80	8	32
5 Hartpury University	10	6	0	4	294	245	49	8	32
6 Cornish Pirates	11	6	0	5	254	225	29	7	31
7 Doncaster Knights	11	5	0	6	275	242	33	7	27
8 London Scottish	11	4	0	7	250	303	-53	7	23
9 Chinnor	11	4	0	7	236	240	-4	6	22
10 Amphill	10	3	0	7	193	355	-162	5	17
11 Cambridge	11	3	0	8	188	474	-286	3	15
12 Caldý	11	2	0	9	191	323	-132	5	13

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4 points - win 2 points - draw 1 bonus point - 4 or more tries 1 bonus point - losing by 7 points or less

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BROWN	DAY	MAISEY	GARSDIE	LE BOURGEOIS TITHERINGTON MATAVESI	COUSINS WORLEY	JAMES
TUILAGI HOWARD	DAY LENNON	MAISEY	ADAMSON	LE BOURGEOIS TITHERINGTON MAKEPEACE-CUBITT	GARSDIE WORLEY	JAMES
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BENSON	LENNON DAY	MAISEY MATAVESI	ADAMSON	TITHERINGTON	GARSDIE GLISTER JAMES	WORLEY
TUILAGI	DAY LENNON	MAISEY	ADAMSON	MATAVESI TITHERINGTON LEBOURGEOIS / GLISTER	GARSDIE	JAMES
TUILAGI ARTHUR	DAY WEIMANN	MAISEY	ADAMSON	MATAVESI WORLEY	TITHERINGTON	GARSDIE JAMES
HOWARD KING	DAY	MAISEY	ADAMSON	LE BOURGEOIS TITHERINGTON	GARSDIE	JAMES
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SCORERS
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	TRIES		KICKS			TOTAL
	C	P	Dg			
Alex Day	2					10
Alex Woolford						
Alfie Garside	3					15
Cameron King						
Dean Adamson	9					45
Fred Tuilagi	1					5
Jac Arthur						
James Fish						
James Lennon	1					5
Jamie Elliott						
Jamie Jack						
Joe Howard	4					20
Joel Matavesi	3					15
Joey Conway	3					15
Louis James	3					15
Lucas Titherington	3					15
Luke Frost	1					5
Matt Worley	4					20
Michael Le Bourgeois	2					10
Oisín Heffernan	1					5
Pat Tapley						
Rory Ward						
Shay Kerry						
Tommy Herman	3					15
Will Maisey	2	42	6			112
Archie Benson						
Henry Nanka-Bruce						
Jake Garside						
Kieran Perkins						
Nathan Langdon	1					5
Reuben Logan						
Toby Cousins	1					5
Will Glister						
Craig Wright	1					5
John Stewart	1					5
Ed Prowse	1					5
George Smith	1					5
Austin Hay						

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CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Round 12 | 24 January 2025

- Bedford Blues
- Nottingham
- Cambridge
- London Scottish
- Chinnor
- Ealing Trailfinders
- Coventry
- Doncaster
- Caldy
- Hartpury
- Amphill
- Cornish Pirates

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COVENTRY

15	Louis James	FULL BACK	Liam Richman	15
14	Alfie Garside	RIGHT WING	David Opoku	14
13	Michael Le Bourgeois	OUTSIDE CENTRE	Ryan Hutler	13
12	Joel Matavesi	INSIDE CENTRE	Dafydd-Rhys Tiueti	12
11	Dean Adamson	LEFT WING	James Martin	11
10	Will Maisey	FLY HALF	Tommy Mathews	10
9	Alex Day (Capt)	SCRUM HALF	Josh Barton	9
1	Jamie Jack	LOOSE HEAD PROP	Toby Trinder	1
2	Tommy Herman	HOOKER	(Capt) Jordon Poole	2
3	Oisin Heffernan	TIGHT HEAD PROP	Eliot Salt	3
4	Luke Frost	SECOND ROW	James Tyas	4
5	Alex Woolford	SECOND ROW	Obinna Nkwocha	5
6	Fyn Brown	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	Tom Ball	6
7	Joe Howard	OPENSIDE FLANKER	Aaron Hinkley	7
8	Cameron King	NO 8	Senitiki Nayalo	8

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 James Fish
- 17 Joey Conway
- 18 Austin Hay
- 19 George Smith
- 20 Rory Ward
- 21 Jac Arthur
- 22 James Lennon
- 23 Lucas Titherington

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