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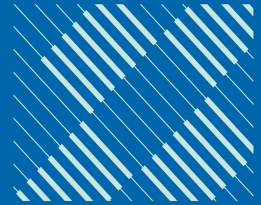


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Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Goldington Road for our match against Nottingham. Here's hoping for another exciting fixture between two historic rivals who will both look to play entertaining rugby.

Today is also the second Former Players Lunch in the CMC Marquee of the season, as we welcome back prestigious guests from all corners of the world to celebrate 50 years since lifting the RFU Club Competition and the club's first overseas tour to Canada.

It is a year of milestones as we equally mark 20 years to the day since our last trophy lift at Twickenham, with a Powergen Shield final victory over Plymouth Albion.

Days like this are always special, our history and heritage as part of what makes Bedford Blues the club it is. Pre-game we look forward to sharing stories and marking the occasion. Post-game it's always great to blend our current squad and former players together, and hopefully celebrate a win!

This season we have revamped many of the ways we work as the Former Players Association, with the help of the club. If you want to get involved in anyway, please check out our page on the club website for further details.

There's much more than rugby and anniversaries on offer today as we continue to work hard to create the best matchday experience. Today we are supporting Parkinson's UK with lots of activation and joining forces to bring a spectacular performance from Rock Choir before the game and at half-time.

Whilst this is the only home Blues game this month, we are pleased to be able to host to Bedford Tigers Rugby League against Eastern Rhinos on Saturday 26th April before our men's and women's team are in action for a double header on Saturday 3rd May.

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FROM THE COACHES

TEAM TALK



Jim Henry Assistant Coach

Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to Goldington Road as we look to return to winning ways by hosting Nottingham.

We extend a warm welcome to Craig Hammond, his coaching team, playing squad and supporters who have made the journey down today for what I'm sure will be another cracker in our only home game of April.

Games between Bedford and Nottingham are always closely fought contests, and we expect nothing less again this afternoon. It was a real good battle back in November and hopefully we can both put on a show for all of you who have packed through the turnstiles today.

Both teams are looking for a response after disappointing defeats last weekend. There were lots of positives from ourselves in the performance up at Doncaster and to show the fight and determination which we did after the red card, is testament to how together the squad is this season.

Our record here at Goldington Road so far in 2025 has been really encouraging and we're determined to bounce back even stronger – we've dropped down to third in the table but firmly believe we can continue to challenge those above us if we string some results together.

Your support has been one of the driving factors behind our success this season. To see so many of you travelling to Doncaster and getting behind the team is greatly appreciated by us all and hopefully you'll be in fine voice again today.

We're pleased to be teaming up with Parkinson's Bedford this afternoon to raise awareness and support for a great cause. Please do support where you can with lots of activation around the ground as well as us hopefully delivering the right result on the pitch.

Come On You Blues.

Jim Henry

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This afternoon we are delighted to welcome back Nottingham (The Archers) to Goldington Road. The last encounter between our two historic rugby clubs was back in November at Lady Bay. With much more favourable conditions today in the lovely Spring sunshine we've been experiencing of late; we expect this to be a higher scoring match but no less competitive.

Welcome to club officials and supporters too for what we anticipate will be another exciting match in front of a large, vocal Goldington Road crowd. There is no better way to spend a Saturday afternoon. As the season transitions into the final two months, Bedford are sitting in third place with Nottingham in seventh. There is still lots to play for and the recent news of expansion of the league to fourteen clubs next season shows that there is much more competitive rugby to look forward to next season.

This will offer greater opportunities for travelling fans to get behind their team. With this in mind, we are delighted to announce the recent launch of our new website at www.bedfordrfa.org which has a fresh new modern image as well as providing the opportunity to purchase coach tickets on-line for all away games.

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The Followers Association (BRFA) was formed on 18th November 1949 which means we have been supporting Bedford Blues for over 75 years. This is quite an extraordinary achievement, testament to the commitment of supporters and volunteers through the generations who love the game, and particularly their team.

Times have changed hugely over the years, but we are still able to boast some of the largest crowds in the league and regularly take at least one coach to every away match. We look forward to welcoming you on board.

Jilly Lane

Bedford Rugby Followers Association

MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

Following the game v Cornish Pirates, the Ceres Rural Man of the Match award was presented to Ed Prowse.



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Following the game away at Doncaster last weekend, the Followers chose Fred Tuilagi as their Man of the Match.



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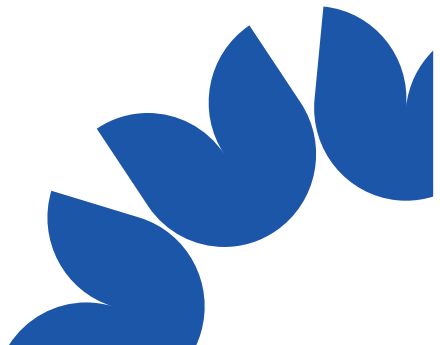
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PARKINSON'S BEDFORD AND DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP



Bedford Blues are teaming up with Parkinson's Bedford and District Support Group at today's game to mark World Parkinson's Day, which is held annually on 11th April and aims to raise awareness and highlight the support available for people living with the condition and their loved ones.

Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world, affecting 153,000 people in the UK.

At today's game, there are chances to find out more about local Parkinson's support in the town. Meet volunteers from the Bedford and District Support Group, alongside national Parkinson's UK colleagues.

You can also enjoy performances from around 300 members of Rock Choir from Bedford and beyond at 2.15pm who will set-up underneath The Dovecote Park Suite for a 30-minute performance and then take to the field again at half-time.

There will be a collection in aid of Parkinson's UK Bedford and District Support Group around the ground. Every pound you can spare will help them continue to support local people living with Parkinson's.



Support for you

Across the UK, there is a variety of in-person and online support to help you live well with Parkinson's.

Around 365 Parkinson's UK local groups nationwide offer mutual support, regular activities, and exercise opportunities for people with Parkinson's, their families and carers. Search your town or postcode at localsupport.parkinsons.org.uk or find **Parkinson's UK Bedford & District Support Group on Facebook**.

You can also contact Sue Kiddy on 07944 695917 or email bedfordparkinsons@gmail.com for more details about the Bedford Support Group.

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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

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Always billed as the 'battle of the Championship's great entertainers', tries are pretty much a guarantee as Bedford Blues and Nottingham lock horns at Goldington Road.



Both sides love to chuck the ball around and while they've solidified their forwards pack a lot this season, the pair pride themselves on their attacking flair players in the back line and will look to put on a show once again today. This could be one of the most exciting ever meetings from a fixture with over 130 years of history – here's hoping they'll showcase more *joué* this afternoon.

Nottingham first came to Goldington Road on 25th November 1893 losing 25-0. Today is the 114th fixture between the clubs. Overall, Bedford Blues have won 77 and the Green & Whites 33 with three draws.

Mike Rayer's side have the recent ascendancy too with victories in each of the last three meetings - but were mightily lucky to get away from Lady Bay with the points back in November with an opportunistic Louis James score the difference after Nottingham passed up four chances with the try line at their mercy.

Both will be desperate to get back to winning ways after miserable runs of form since the Championship resumed to action last month, with the two teams

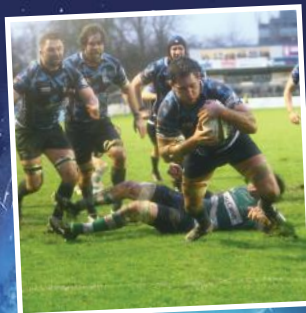
fighting to for the Top Four and aware of resurgence of teams like Doncaster Knights, Hartpury University and alike.

It is a path well-trodden between the two sides with many players having represented both clubs. A few examples of those to have worn both jerseys include John (Jack) Archer, Fran Clough, George Cullen, Brian Gabriel, Mark Hancock, Michael Holford, Andy Key, Tom Kirk, Ben Pienaar, Howard Quigley, Greg Sammons, Billy Twelvetrees, Kelvin Wyles, Tom Youngs, Darryl Veenendaal, Ben Gulliver, Villami Hakalo, Antonio Harris, Billy Walker, Kieran Curran and Luke Frost.

As always, we welcome our longstanding Midland rivals to Goldington Road and hope they enjoy the hospitality on offer this afternoon.



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NOTTINGHAM TWO TO WATCH



FORWARD



Sebastian Ferreira

SECOND ROW / BACK ROW

Another to be one of the standout Nottingham players of the current campaign, German international Sebastian Ferreira has been pretty much an ever present in the side when fit and available.

Returning from injury last weekend at Lady Bay, the second row forward is back and firing and will be looking to put in another dominant display as part of the Nottingham engine room.

Making 38 appearances since joining the club in the Summer of 2023, Ferreira first came to England in 2014 on trial with Saracens then Newcastle Falcons. While in the academy set-up at the North East club, Ferreira spent a lot of time on dual-reg with Darlington Mowden Park.

Born in Cape Town, South Africa; Ferreira has also plied his trade with Hamiltons, Eastern Province Kings, Heidelberg RK, Chambery and CR Sao Miguel.

BACK



Harry Graham

WING

A local lad done well, Harry Graham has made the starting jersey his own since breaking into the side properly for the 2021/22 campaign, forming a deadly partnership with David Williams on the other flank and scoring tries for fun.

The standout player from a Nottingham perspective when the two sides met back in November, Blues were mightily lucky that the pitch seemed to help their cause to the best effect that Friday night with the winger denied on multiple occasions with the line at his mercy.

A tally of 29 tries from 71 appearances means he'll be one of the players to watch again on the hallowed turf this afternoon, looking to continue inspired recent personal form.

Part of the nearby Leicester Tigers Academy set-up as a youngster, Graham made numerous appearances for Nottingham Trent in BUCS Super Rugby before joining the Championship club on a permanent basis.

SAFETY MATTERS

All persons attending fixtures at Bedford Rugby Club in possession of tickets for the Eagle Stand should note that in order to comply with the conditions of the Club Safety Certificate certain restrictions have to be imposed on occupants of seats within this stand:

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OTHER AREAS

In addition to the above it should be noted that bottles and glasses are not permitted in any part of the ground except inside the bars, therefore drinks will continue to be served in plastic containers on matchdays.

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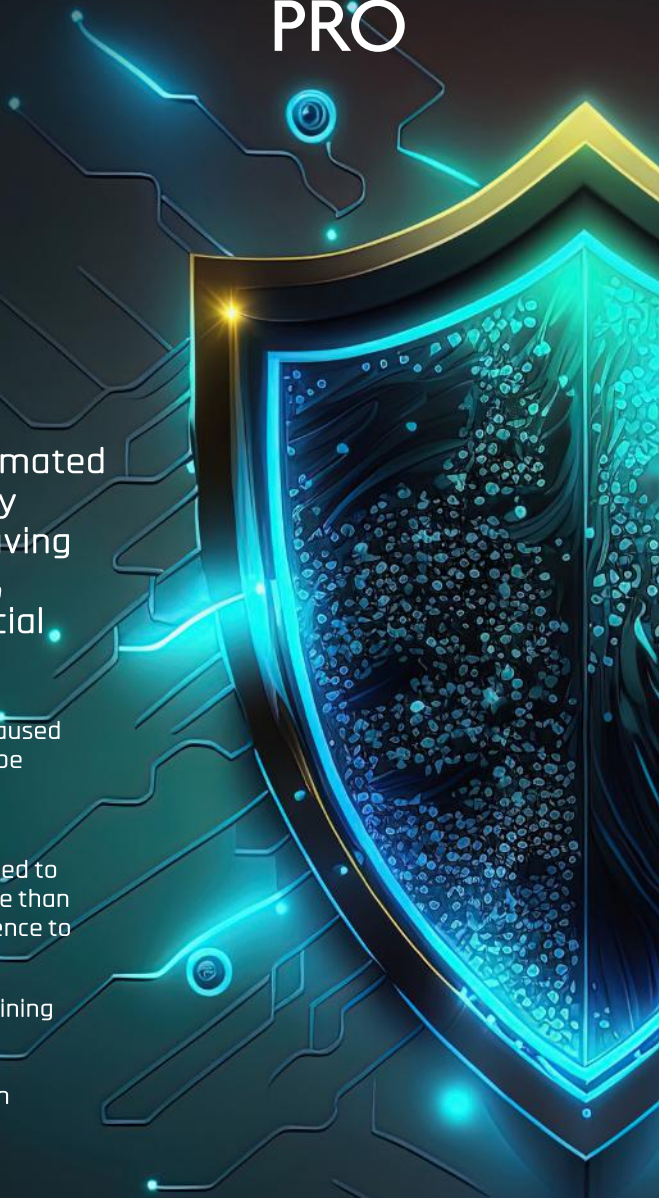
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...RUGBY MEMORY?

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...CAR YOU OWNED?

The only one I've ever owned.



...SPORTING EVENT YOU ATTENDED?

Watching the Hong Kong 7s.



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

WhatsApp to see if Joey has texted about the weather to call off work.



...BROKEN BONE?

Hand.



...PET?

Turtle.



...THING YOU DO AFTER A MATCH?

Sing a phenomenal song about Tommy Herman.

LAST...



...THING YOU BOUGHT?

Sausage rolls for Trucky and Joey at work.



...TIME YOU CRIED?

Most Wednesdays.



...THING YOU GOOGLED?

Grand National tips.



...SPORTING EVENT YOU ATTENDED?

Cheltenham – through the TV.



...HOLIDAY YOU WENT ON?

Back home to Hong Kong in November.



...PERSON YOU CALLED?

Howard Travis – Top man!



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THE BIG INTERVIEW

DEAN ADAMSON

As he prepares to make his 200th Bedford Blues appearance, Dean Adamson talks determination to finish the season on the strongest possible footing, starting this afternoon against Nottingham.

A special day in store, Deano as you lead the team out of the changing rooms on the occasion of your 200th Blues appearance. How proud are you to reach such a significant milestone?

200 games for this club is a massive honour. There's not too many who have done that, particularly in the modern era, the last player I can remember in my time here was Toops.

When I first turned up here, I didn't think I'd play 10, let alone 200. It's a great achievement and here's to many more really... hopefully I'll carry on playing for a little while yet!

You couldn't write it any better, it's a massive honour and to do it here at Goldington Road with friends and family in attendance, and on my 32nd birthday, is special. It's ten years on from when I first signed and it'll be a great day, and hopefully we can get the win to match it off.

I know we talk the try scoring leaderboard all the time but if I score six tries then something must be written up in the Gods because that would be pretty special. We'll talk about that another day, I'm sure.

It's not about me scoring tries anyway. It's about us trying to achieve the best things we can as a group. We've got such a tight knit group and if we can achieve something like second or whatever it may be, it would be a special achievement.

/// Our supporters come here in their numbers and they want to see good, attacking rugby played... ///

To continue that upwards trajectory, we'll be targeting a positive result today. What are you expecting from Nottingham?

Nottingham play a very similar style of rugby to us. Over the years we've had some high scoring encounters against them and I'm sure today will be no different.

For us, it's about setting our standards and putting our principles back into the game. We've conceded a few too many tries than we'd have liked in recent matches so there's been a big focus with Jim Henry this week on our defensive aspects and finetuning those.

It'll be a good game. Hopefully the weather follows the forecast and allows us to play the rugby we want to play on a good day at Goldington Road.

We just take things week by week in the Championship because they are all different. There's ups and downs all the time but for us, we need to look at the good things we did against Doncaster – there were good aspects in that game.

We want to put a show on for the crowd this week. As a group we've spoken about having only three home games left and that's one thing we pride ourselves on; being entertaining at home.





Our record on home soil has been nothing short of exceptional to start 2025. Three home games left this season, I'm guessing the target is to keep the good times flowing?

At home, it's all about keeping the momentum. We know our record here at Goldington Road has been really good so far in 2025 and we want to keep that going. Our supporters come here in their numbers and they want to see good, attacking rugby played so it's our duty to deliver that.

We'll strive to win the remaining games at home but looking broadly, it's more about how we perform away because we haven't won outside of Goldington Road in the Championship since mid-December and we can do much better.

We speak all the time about getting the crowd into the game early and hopefully we can do that again today. If you can do that, they'll stick with you for the whole 80 minutes – it doesn't have to be a try necessarily but a big tackle, good chase. The most important thing is effort and that's non-negotiable really.

There's always coming and goings at clubs every year, so we want to end on a high. We are so tight this season and it's just great to be able to go out and play with your mates. It's about creating memories that you'll talk about for years to come – it's the Former Players Lunch in the Marquee today and we'd love to have something to reminisce about in the future.

Creating memories and playing with smiles on our faces are the key points for the last seven games of the season.



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

CUP ANNIVERSARIES

With just one home game in April, there is an awful lot to reflect upon with three notable anniversaries coming in just a 17-day window, starting today which is 20 years to the day since Matt Allen and co lifted the Powergen Shield at Twickenham.

In two weeks' time, all eyes will be on the 50th anniversary of Bedford winning the 1975 RFU Club Competition, while the celebrations conclude on 29th April with 30 years since the club won Courage League Three to gain promotion into the second tier.



BUDGE ROGERS WITH THE 'CUP'

It would be remiss not to focus in on Bedford's first ever visit to Rugby HQ, Twickenham Stadium, and a joyous day that saw the club lift the biggest prize around at the time.

Described by many as the club's finest hour of its illustrious history, Blues defeated Rosslyn Park 28-12 on Saturday 26th April 1975 to become the best club in the country and add the most prized possession of the day to Blues' trophy cabinet.

This was just the fourth season of the RFU national knockout competition and Blues had to battle through some difficult fixtures just to make it to the showpiece in the capital.

A comprehensive 66-6 away victory at Bournemouth was followed by home successes against Sale (23-3) and Gosforth (13-6), before Bedford edged a close semi-final against old rivals and Cup holders Coventry (12-6) at Goldington Road.

Unlike the previous rounds, the final was played in glorious conditions, favouring Bedford's well-known expansive and free flowing attitude towards rugby.

29/4/1995

Bedford Blues 21-20 Richmond

All Bedford had to do on the final day of the campaign was win, and win they did in dramatic circumstances to edge past Richmond and wrap up the league title.

Credit to Richmond for their endeavour in coming to Goldington Road and trying to spoil the party – they had multiple chances to win the game but missed several kicks off the tee. In the end, tries from Ben Whetstone, Steve Harris and Marcus Cook set off the title procession.





BEDFORD BLUES TEAM V ROSSLYN PARK:

Tony Jorden*, Bob Demming, Richard Chadwick, John Howard, Derek Wyatt*, Neil Bennett*, Alun Lewis*, Brian Keen, Norman Barker, Chris Bailward, Clive Hooker, Bob Wilkinson*, Andy Hollins, Budge Rogers (c)*, Foster Edwards

Replacements: Chris Davies, Alistair Johnson, David Jackson, Guy Fletcher, Steve Wells, Brian Page

Coach: Patrick Briggs. *denotes full international

It wasn't going to be a simple afternoon, however, as Rosslyn Park made the short hop over to Twickenham on the back of their best ever season. Renowned for their forward power, Park – who boasted around a 6lb advantage per man compared to Bedford – started the contest brightest and scored after 20 minutes through left winger David McKay.

As the game wore on, Blues' pack began to wrestle back the ascendancy having endured the early onslaught. A late first-try try by left winger Derek Wyatt put Bedford on the scoreboard, converted by outside half Neil Bennett to level the scores.

Bedford flew out of the traps in the second half and took the game away from their opponents in a fine 25-minute spell that included a further four tries, three of which were converted by the near faultless Bennett.

To start the procession, lock Bob Wilkinson took a high ball under pressure and set in motion a fine sweeping move that eventually saw tighthead prop Chris Bailward emphatically dive over for 12-6.

Right wing Bob Demming soon scored a double, the second of which converted, while loosehead prop Brian Keen also crossed the whitewash to surmount an unassailable 28-4 lead.

Rosslyn Park did grab two late tries, through right wing Rob Fisher and a second for McKay, but that did nothing to take the shine off Bedford's triumphant afternoon in the capital.

It marked the perfect Twickenham swansong for former Lions legend, England captain and Blues record appearance holder, Budge Rogers, who marked his final appearance at Rugby HQ with great aplomb.



12/4/2005

Bedford Blues 14-13 Plymouth Albion

The most extraordinary game which Bedford trailed in for 74 minutes. After a sluggish start that saw Plymouth score two early tries, Blues grew into the contest and reduced the arrears thanks to two penalties from Leigh Hinton.

It took them 64 minutes to score their only try of the game – Craig Moir broke free before sending Mark Harris to the line. Hinton missed the conversion to level the scores but showed enormous courage to slot the penalty and send 5,000 Blues into raptures.



FORMER BLUES PLAYERS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

by Marie Davies

1975 CANADA TOUR



Today's Former Players' Lunch in the CMC Marquee includes a '50 years' reunion for the Club's first major overseas tourists.

There were 23 players in the Canadian tour party of 1975. They were accompanied by Team Manager Ken Phillips, Tour Manager 'Tich' Haynes and the then Club President, D. M. King.

Of the playing squad, sadly, four have left us. Today we shall be remembering scrum half Guy Fletcher, prop Alistair Johnson, hooker Norman Barker and fly-half Gareth Davies. Remarkably, 19 of the tourists are attending today. This is an excellent response, especially as many have to travel from all over this country and beyond. What a magnificent effort from Roger Smith and John Mawle who have made the long journey from Australia and New Zealand respectively to be here today! Ken Phillips will also be attending from his home in Spain.

The Tour's Playing Squad

Chris Bailward (prop), Norman Barker (hooker), Richard Butt (centre), Richard Chadwick (centre), John Cooley (centre), Chris Davies (hooker), Gareth Davies (fly-half), Foster Edwards (back row), Mike Fitzgerald (prop), Guy Fletcher (scrum half), Danny Hanson (wing), Brian Keen (prop), Andy Hollins (back row), Clive Hooker (second row), Simon Ingram (back row), Alistair Johnson (prop), John Mawle (second row), Brian Page (full back), Budge Rogers (captain; back row), Roger Slaughter (back row), Roger Smith (scrum-half), Alan Towersey (wing), John Thompson (second row).

The Canada Story

Tour memories from Budge Rogers and Gareth Davies which featured in the club's BLUEPRINT.

'The party of 23 super fit sportsmen, left Bedford on the 4th May and a debauched, happy band returned on the 19th. They had flown 10,000 miles and attended countless social events. Some rugby games were played and all were won.

The outgoing flight was punctuated by a stop at Prestwick to replenish the drinks cabinet and an emergency landing at Winnipeg when the wings were about to fall off!

Billeting during our stay was random, some had beds, and others weren't so lucky (ask Chads).

However, the hospitality was first rate and the reception on the pitch even warmer!'





Matches on the Tour

v. Ex Britannia. Won 33-7

Tries – Bailward, Towersey, Edwards and Hanson.
Conversions – Page (4). Penalty – Page.
Drop Goal – G. Davies (2).

v. Capilano. Won 9-3

Try – Smith. Conversion – Page. Penalty – Page.

We weren't prepared for the alarmingly late tackling of the 'Cowboys' which was so late Dodger was putting the ball in the next scrum and also the referee, who was a poor advertisement for his profession - apparently his day job was a judge!

v. Pocomo. Won 27-6

Tries – Butt, Hollins, Thompson and Towersey.
Conversions – Page (4). Penalty – Page.

v. Oak Bay Wanderers. Won 23-8

Tries Bailward, Towersey and Hanson. Conversion – Page. Penalties – Page (2). Drop Goal – G. Davies.

This was our best game and we deserved our win.

We also won the Vancouver 7s after John Mawle broke his finger warming up!



Off The Field Memories

'We managed to survive a battery of entertainment more stamina-sapping than the games.

We were frequently entertained pre-match by the opposition 'team' who encouraged us to drink a lot and stay up late, only to find a completely different set of 'fresh' players facing us the next day!

Most of the evening entertainment included various challenges. One stands out! A very long rope attached to a high ceiling resulted in one of our hosts, who looked very strong, pulling himself up halfway to a round of applause. They didn't realise we had with us the brilliant gymnast Norman Barker who proceeded to climb to the top with the utmost ease!

Social highlights were the ski lift up Whistler Mountain after a particularly scary car ride (Dumper driving) to our destination. Also, the ferry crossing to Vancouver Island (don't ask); our visit to the spectacular Butchart Gardens and Alistair Johnson's position on the ladder (definitely don't ask!)

Low spots were Dodger's blisters; the ref. v Capilano, Brian Keen's position on the ladder (ask him!)

Discoveries - Harvey Wallbangers, porch climbers and clam chowder.

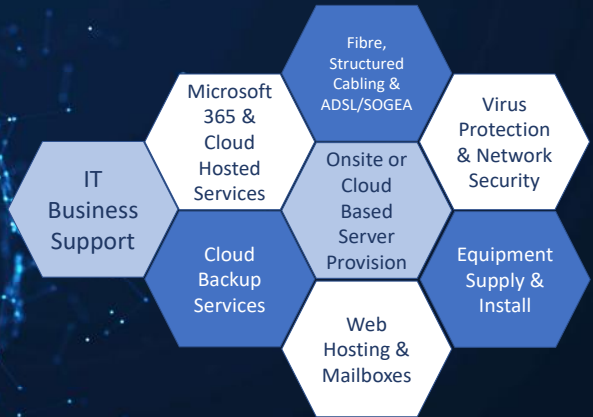
An exhausted party in Vancouver Airport's departure lounge still managed a final rendition of 'The Sloop John B', which brought a standing ovation and the final curtain on a most memorable tour.

'Once a Blue, Always a Blue!' and in Rudi Straeuli's favourite words - 'Friends for Life.'

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MATCH REPORT

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REPLAY

V DONCASTER KNIGHTS

5 Apr 2025 | Castle Park

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BEDFORD BLUES

- T Tuilagi (2), Le Bourgeois, Fish, Worley
 C Maisey (2)
 P Maisey



DONCASTER KNIGHTS

- T Bennett (2), Mulipola, Green,
 Olowofela, Ene
 C Dolly (4)
 P Dolly



Bedford Blues passed up the opportunity to secure a first victory at Castle Park since November 2012 as they fell to a disappointing defeat against Doncaster Knights.

Mike Rayer's men were much the better side in the opening 40 minutes and led at the break 22-20 thanks to some industrious endeavour.

Alfie Garside's red card just after the break halted the momentum but Blues were still well in the fight, scoring two quick fire tries on the hour mark to put them back in the hunt.

Doncaster eventually made the numbers game count though as they made it five wins on the spin, as Bedford slid down the Championship table as a result of only picking up a solitary point.

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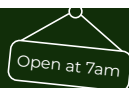
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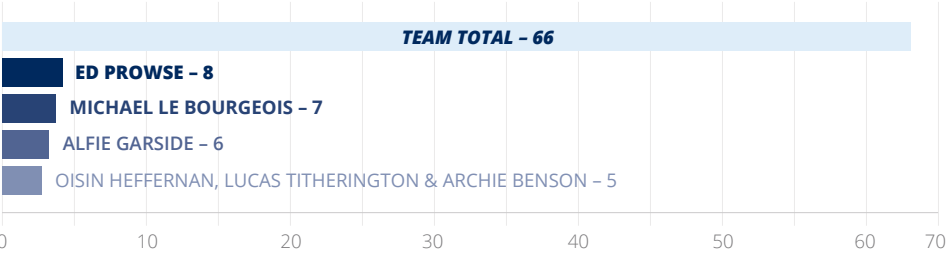
It was a case of what might have been for Bedford Blues as their long winless run away at Doncaster Knights continued for another season following a disappointing afternoon in South Yorkshire.

Blues were error strewn and ill disciplined and if you make those kinds of mistakes against a full-time outfit, you're likely to be punished. So it proved to be as Blues tried in vain to fight with only 14 players on the pitch, but ultimately succumbed to their hosts.

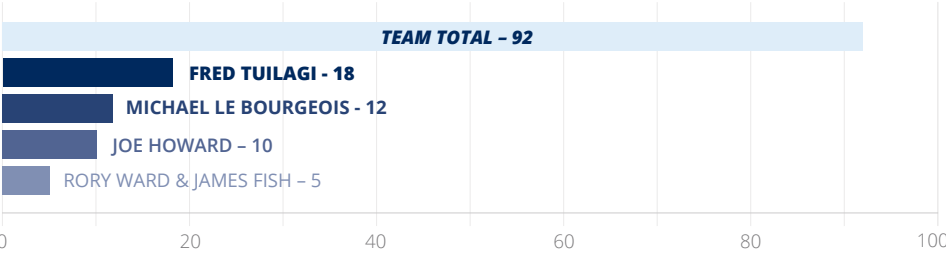


Here's what we learned last time out at Castle Park...

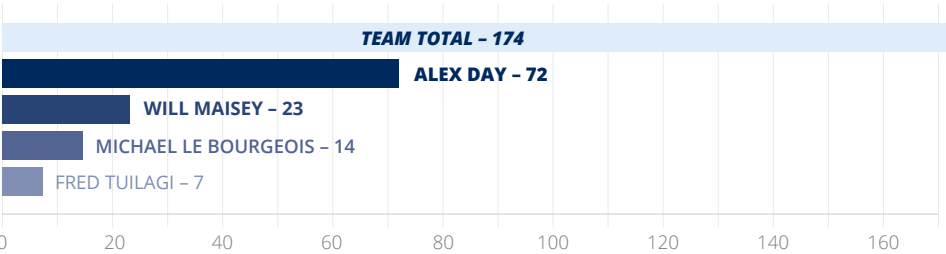
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2024/25 SEASON FIXTURES, RESULTS & TABLES

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	W	27-23
SATURDAY 24 JANUARY 2025				
Bath	A	CUP	L	26-43
SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025				
Bristol Bears	H	CUP	W	23-14
FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025				
Amphill	A	CUP	W	21-7
SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2025				
Hartpury Uni	A	CHAMP	L	26-29
SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025				
Cornish Pirates	H	CHAMP	W	45-24
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025				
Doncaster Knights	A	CHAMP	L	32-41
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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Round 16 | 12 April 2025

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

NEXT HOME GAME



KING BENSON	LENNON J GARSIDE	MAISEY	GARSDIE	LE BOURGEOIS TITHERINGTON	MATAVESI	WORLEY COUSINS	JAMES
TUILAGI BENSON	DAY LENNON	MAISEY	GARSDIE	MATAVESI TITHERINGTON	LE BOURGEOIS	WORLEY COUSINS	JAMES
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	
TUILAGI	DAY WEIMANN	MAISEY	GARSDIE	LE BOURGEOIS TITHERINGTON	MATAVESI	WORLEY	JAMES MAKEPEACE-CUBITT
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SCORERS

Championship & Premiership Cup

	TRIES			KICKS			TOTAL
	C	P	Dg	C	P	Dg	
Alex Day	2						10
Alex Woolford							
Alfie Garside	3						15
Cameron King							
Dean Adamson	10						50
Fred Tuilagi	5						20
Jac Arthur							
James Fish	2						10
James Lennon	1						5
Jamie Elliott							
Jamie Jack							
Joe Howard	6						30
Joel Matavesi	4						20
Joey Conway	4						20
Louis James	6						30
Lucas Titherington	4						20
Luke Frost	2						10
Matt Worley	9						45
Michael Le Bourgeois	3						15
Oisín Heffernan	3						15
Pat Tapley							
Rory Ward							
Shay Kerry							
Tommy Herman	5						25
Will Maisey	4	61	11				175
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							
Charlie Ulcoq							
Louis Haley							
Penalty Try	1						7

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15	Louis James	FULL BACK	Jack Stapley	15
14	Matt Worley	RIGHT WING	Ryan Olowofela	14
13	Lucas Titherington	OUTSIDE CENTRE	Kegan Christian-Goss	13
12	Michael Le Bourgeois	INSIDE CENTRE	Gwyn Parks	12
11	Dean Adamson	LEFT WING	Marcus Ramage	11
10	Will Maisey	FLY HALF	Matthew Arden	10
9	Alex Day (Capt)	SCRUM HALF	Josh Goodwin	9
1	Joey Conway	LOOSE HEAD PROP	Aniseko Sio	1
2	Tommy Herman	HOOKER	Jack Dickinson	2
3	Oisin Heffernan	TIGHT HEAD PROP	Dan Richardson	3
4	Ed Prowse	SECOND ROW	Sebastian Ferreira	4
5	Rory Ward	SECOND ROW	Jack Shine	5
6	Luke Frost	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	Osian Thomas	6
7	Archie Benson	OPENSIDE FLANKER	(Capt) Nathan Tweedy	7
8	Fred Tuilagi	NO 8	James Cherry	8

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 James Fish
- 17 Jamie Jack
- 18 Beltus Nonleh
- 19 Shay Kerry
- 20 Joe Howard
- 21 Jake Garside
- 22 Alfie Garside
- 23 Toby Cousins

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- 5th Ben Minney

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