

**BEDFORD RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB**

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# BEDFORD

v.

# GLOUCESTER

**SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1953. Kick Off 3 p.m.**  
**GOLDINGTON ROAD GROUND**

**NOTES.**

Gloucester, whom we welcome on their fourth post-war visit to Bedford, have started the season in impressive style, winning all five of their games to date and scoring 74 points against 12. Last Saturday they had an 11-3 win at home over their near rivals, Bristol, who were previously undefeated. Gloucester achieved this success even though they lacked the services of J. Gwilliam, who has captained Wales 13 times in his 21 international matches. Among our visitors' earlier victims were Moseley, whom they beat at Kingsholm by 13-0.

Our fixture with Gloucester started in 1936-37, when we won away by 9-6. The next season we lost twice to the West Countrymen (5-9 at home, 8-9 away), but we beat them twice in 1938-39 (12-7 away, 11-6 at home. Since the war we have won all the games at Bedford (22-6 in 1947-48, 28-0 in 1949-50 and 19-9 in 1951-52). Away from home our fortunes have been varied: we lost by 6-26 in 1946-47 and by 0-8 in 1950-51, drew in 1948-49 (6-6) and won last October (14-6).

Our complete record against Gloucester is therefore:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
Home	5	4	1	0	85	30
Away	7	3	3	1	55	68

**RUGBY FOLLOWERS' ASSOCIATION OF BEDFORD**

President—His Worship the Mayor of Bedford, Ald. C. A. E. C. Howard, J.P.

Founded in 1949 to encourage Junior Rugby Clubs of Bedfordshire and organise outings to Bedford, East Midlands and International away Matches.

New members are very welcome and are still in time to take part in the season's activities. The membership fee is 2/6. Anyone desirous of joining should contact the Membership Secretary—Mr. J. Noble, who is always in attendance in front of the Main Stand after all home games, or direct to his private address—182 Honey Hill Road, Bedford.

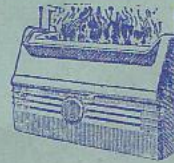
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**BEDFORD**

POSITION	NAME	NUMBER
<i>Full Back</i>	P. G. MILLER	1
<i>Right Wing</i>	A. G. COOMB	5
<i>Right Centre</i>	*A. C. TOWELL	4
<i>Left Centre</i>	P. RALPHS	3
<i>Left Wing</i>	W. H. WHITING	2
<i>Fly Half</i>	J. GRAHAM	6
<i>Scrum Half</i>	B. NORWOOD	7
<i>Forwards</i>	T. R. MARSHALL	8
	B. McCARTHY	9
	J. R. MEE	10
	J. F. BANCE ( <i>Capt.</i> )	11
	M. R. HALE	12
	P. S. COLLINGRIDGE	13
	L. WEBB	14
M. J. FEAZEY	15	

**GLOUCESTER**

POSITION	NAME	NUMBER
<i>Full Back</i>	T. HALLS	1
<i>Left Wing</i>	E. TURNER	5
<i>Left Centre</i>	<del>S. TROUGHTON</del> <i>M. J. P. BAKER</i>	4
<i>Right Centre</i>	<del>R. SUTTON</del> <i>R. PERKS</i>	3
<i>Right Wing</i>	J. TAYLOR ( <i>Capt.</i> )	2
<i>Fly Half</i>	L. MORGAN	6
<i>Scrum Half</i>	J. HOBBS	7
<i>Forwards</i>	G. HASTINGS	8
	C. THOMAS	9
	R. PARRY	10
	<del>J. GWILLIAM</del> <i>J. BOWLER</i>	11
	H. WELLS	12
	P. FORD	14
	R. HODGE	15
D. IBBOTSON	16	

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