



BEDFORD RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1886

GOLDINGTON ROAD, BEDFORD



15p

"BLUES" News and Chat

Today we welcome Gloucester as our usual opponents at this stage of the season. They have made a rather more impressive start to the season than ourselves, being unbeaten until Bristol lowered their colours last Saturday.

We shall certainly have to raise our game above the level shown at Richmond last Saturday if we are going to contain Gloucester. For this match we welcome back Bruce Mackay and Nick Akhurst to replace the injured Bill Barker and John Mawle.

The 1st XV apart, last Saturday was a successful day for the Club. The Wanderers beat Cheltenham United 17-0 with tries by Sharmon and Denton. Chesworth kicked two drop goals and a penalty. Today the Wanderers travel to Kingsholme to play Gloucester United.

The Colts beat Letchworth 6-3 after trailing. Elkington scored a try which Finnie converted. Rovers scored four tries in beating Brackley 18-9, while Rams won at Oundle by 22-13. With fixtures today against Saracens and Colworth House (two teams) we shall do well to repeat the formula.

Supporters are reminded that the impressive Annual Firework Display will be held on the ground on Friday, 30th October. This event has become a highlight in the calendar and is proof of the fact that one is never too old for fireworks!

The Players' Reunion will be held on 3rd April. It will be a major task to contact as many former players as possible and Alan Towersey would be pleased to receive the name and address of any qualifiers. Remember, a single game for the Rams is sufficient qualification for this event.

Lastly, a word of thanks to the faithful Followers Association. In addition to providing the ball for today's game, they have recently purchased new posts for the Club, as well as continuing to aid the administration of home matches. New members are always needed; interested supporters should call at the Followers' Hut at the entrance to the ground.

SPECIAL NOTE-LAW CHANGES

In this programme is a separate insert by Ian Bullerwell of this Club and a fully fledged Referee, last week officiating at the London Welsh v London Scottish match down the road from Richmond Athletic Ground. Ian hopes the notes will help spectators especially, to understand the decisions of the Referees.

Today's Teams

Saturday, 3rd October, 1981 Kick-off 3.00 pm

BEDFORD

- 15. JOHN CLEMENCE
- 14. JON SARGENT
- 13. EUETH FORRESTER
- 12. BRUCE MACKAY
- 11. MARK BAILEY
- 10. STEVE KERRIDGE
- 9. IAN PECK (Capt)
- 1. PHIL BOULDING
- 2. MARK HOWE
- 3. RICHARD PASCALL
- 4. NICK DURWARD-AKHURST
- 5. CLIVE HOOKER
- 6. ANDY WHITEHOUSE
- 8. * BOB WILKINSON
- 7. GRAHAM PHILLIPS

Rep. GRUFF MANSELL
NICK CHESWORTH

* Internationals

GLOUCESTER

- A. DURKIN 15.
- ~~R. CLEWES~~ 14.
- P. WILLIAMS* ~~R. MOGG~~ 13.
- S. PARSLOE 12.
- P. PRITCHARD 11.
- L. JONES 10.
- P. HOWELL* ~~S. BAKER~~ 9.
- M. PREEDY* ~~G. SARGENT~~ * 1.
- (Capt) S. MILLS * 2.
- A. JACOBS* ~~S. ASHMEAD~~ 3.
- S. BOYLE 4.
- J. ORWIN 5.
- J. HERMAN* J. GADD 6.
- ~~M. TEAGUE~~ 8.
- M. LONGSTAFF 7.

Rep.

Referee: GLYN JAMES (Leicester)