

ON THIS DAY...

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50 YEARS AGO

Saturday 27th February 1971

Rugby Lions 3-6 Bedford

Rugby had specialised in tight low-scoring results during the season so far: 3-8 v Northampton, 3-3 v Coventry and 9-11 v Bath. In the programme, Bedford were welcomed as a 'free-scoring' club, but on this occasion it was not to be.

Bedford started well with Page kicking a penalty after 10 minutes and Slaughter scoring a try after 20, but gradually the endless mauls and whistle blowing from the referee took over and the scoring ended with Purdy's penalty for Rugby just before half-time.

There seemed to be an inviting slope for Bedford to run down in the second half, but when they reached it, mostly via the boot of fly half Davies, they failed to hang on to scoring positions. As usual Budge Rogers amazed everyone with the amount of ground he covered and the number of tackles he made.

Bedford scorers

T: Slaughter

C:

P: Page

Bedford Team

Brian Page, Mike Douch, Peter Green, Barry Mead, Neil Boulton, Gareth Davies, Vic Lewis, Stuart Onyett, Norman Barker, Tony Landon, Tony Rodgers, John Mawle, Roger Slaughter, Budge Rogers, Dennis Hart.



1971
TRY SCORER 'TOD'
SLAUGHTER

40 YEARS AGO

Saturday 28th February 1981

Bedford 22-22 Roundhay

It hadn't been a good season so far for Bedford, but the home supporters began to relax when Kerridge kicked his first penalty.

However, after an equalising penalty and two intercepted gift tries 'home' smiles disappeared. Roundhay found themselves leading 15-3. Just before half-time Kerridge kicked a second penalty and early in the second half a dummy scissors run from fly half MacKay put wing Sargeant in for a try converted by Kerridge. A penalty from Kerridge levelled the score 15-15, but Roundhay moved back into the lead with first a penalty followed by a try from winger Standiland.

With 15 minutes to go Kerridge kicked his 4th penalty and scrum half Youngs tied the game with an unconverted try. There was certainly a sense of relief around the ground although it was only a draw.

Bedford scorers

T: Sargeant, Youngs

C: Kerridge

P: Kerridge (4)

Bedford Team

M. Lloyd-Williams, J. Sargeant, W. Barker, S. Kerridge, C. Davison, B. MacKay, N. Youngs, P. Boulding, M. Howe, R. Pascall, J. Mawle, R. Wilkinson, A. Whitehouse, C. Hooker, S. Gibbons.



1981
TRY SCORER NICK YOUNGS

30 YEARS AGO

Saturday 23rd February 1991

Bedford 44-14 London Scottish



1991
16 POINTS FROM
ANDY FINNIE

Two hat tricks from Bedford's wings Tim Young and Gareth Williams certainly contributed to this crushing defeat over a slightly weakened London Scottish side.

Stuart Glover added a seventh try and Finnie was in good form with his boot. Bedford welcomed the return of Richard Pascall after his successful playing career at Gloucester and his arrival along with lock John Brain should make a difference.

Bedford scorers

T: Young (3), Williams (3), Glover

C: Finnie (2)

P: Finnie (4)

Bedford Team

C. Glanvill, G. Williams, W. Furnell, S. Glover, T. Young, A. Finnie, T. Taylor, R. Pascall, M. Howe, L. Mansell, A. Jaszczak, M. Bayfield, G. Wood, (capt.), I. Skingsley, M. Rennell.

20 YEARS AGO

Saturday 24th February 2001

Orrell 15-14 Bedford

After lying in 3rd place before Christmas a run of losses in the New Year has seen Bedford drop down the table.

With Canadian Scott Stewart's abrupt departure, captain Ben Whetstone has taken on the kicking duties and in this game struck three penalties. Strong running replacement wing John Rudd scored a late try, but the very difficult conversion was missed and Bedford had to be content with a better display and a close result away from home.

Bedford scorers

T: Rudd

P: Whetstone (3)



2001
CAPTAIN BEN
WHETSTONE
(9 POINTS)

10 YEARS AGO

Saturday 26th February 2011

**Bedford 28-15 Moseley
British & Irish Cup**

Moseley came to Goldington Road with a 100% record in the Cup, which ended when Bedford scored 4 tries - a penalty try given just before half-time for an infringement in the ruck by second row Richard Scott, who was sent to the bin, along with tries from Sam Walsh, Handre Schmidt and James Pritchard. All 4 were converted by Pritchard.

However, it was Moseley who scored first through their captain who dotted down under the posts for an easy conversion.

Just before half time came the penalty try for Bedford, but there was still time for Moseley to retake the lead through a late penalty from Borgen on the stroke of half time.

The midweek Cup match win against Ulster took its toll on Moseley in the second half, plus the fact that the Blues were now playing with the wind and down the slope. The home team went straight on the attack for Sam Walsh to score a try which Pritchard converted from way out on the left wing. However, Moseley hit back almost immediately with a try from their No.8.

Bedford then started to dominate the game with tries by Schmidt and Pritchard, both converted.

This win saw Bedford finish top of their group to secure a home quarter final tie with Irish side Leinster.

Bedford scorers

T: Penalty, Walsh, Schmidt, Pritchard

C: Pritchard (4)

Bedford Squad

E. Thrower (Bassett 52), H. Schmidt, T. Bedford, I. Vass, J. Pritchard, M. Dorrian (Sharp 62), W. Chudley (Veenendaal 57), Walsh, D. Richmond (Clark 62), D. Seal (Boot 57), M. Howard (Tomes 66), A. Rae, G. Gillanders, B. Lewitt (Goodman 54), P. Tupai



2011
CAPTAIN JAMES PRITCHARD
(13 POINTS)